



Traders work on the floor at the New York Stock Exchange in New York, Wednesday, July 8, 2015. At 11:32 a.m., Eastern time on Wednesday, a “technical problem” at the New York Stock Exchange halted trading. NYSE resumed trading at 3:10 p.m.

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US, Emirati governments launch anti-IS online messaging center in Abu Dhabi

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Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — The U.S. and Emirati governments launched a new Mideast digital communications center Wednesday focused on using social media to counter the Islamic State group's propaganda efforts online. IS supporters have deftly

Time magazine managing editor who is the U.S. undersecretary of state for public diplomacy and public affairs, traveled to the Emirates for the launch. He and Anwar Gargash, the Emirati minister of state for foreign affairs, said in a joint statement the center's aim is to support coalition efforts, challenge IS propaganda and "amplify

center, which has been testing its operations and developing its branding over the past three months. More work still needs to be done. The center does not yet have an active website of its own, and a planned Facebook presence and a dedicated YouTube channel are expected to take several



In this May, 2015 photo, President Barack Obama, left, shakes hands with Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces and Chairman of the Executive Council of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, at the White House in Washington. The U.S. and Emirati governments said they have launched a new digital communications center focused on using social media to counter the Islamic State group's active online propaganda efforts. The new Sawab Center, based in Abu Dhabi, became operational Wednesday, July 8. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster, File)

harnessed social media to spread the group's slickly produced Hollywood-style film clips and other messages aimed at recruiting and drawing support from plugged-in young Muslims. The Obama administration has urged Arab allies to do more to combat the media blitz, characterizing the fight on the communications front as a key pillar in the overall effort to defeat the group. The new Sawab Center is one of the most concrete responses to that call yet in the region. Named for the Arabic word for "the right or proper way," it will be based in Abu Dhabi, the oil-rich capital of the United Arab Emirates, a key American ally and a member of the U.S.-led coalition against the IS group. Richard Stengel, a former

moderate and tolerant voices from across the region." Speaking later to The Associated Press, Stengel expressed hope the project will help "reverse the narrative" about the IS group and could serve as a template for similar centers elsewhere. "What the Sawab Center will do is, it will begin to rectify the wrong impression that ISIL is beating us in the information war and the social media war," he said, using an alternate name for the militant group. The center released YouTube videos and Twitter messages Wednesday in Arabic and English announcing its launch. Journalists were not allowed to attend the project's unveiling or visit the

more weeks to develop. Officials say they hope the center will eventually launch "proactive online messaging campaigns" to target IS propaganda. About 15 to 20 full-time staff, mostly Emiratis, will work at the center for now, said Rashad Hussain, the U.S. special envoy and coordinator for strategic counterterrorism communications. He did not have precise details on the price tag, saying it was in the tens of millions of dollars, but said the "Emiratis are taking the lead on the cost." Separately, the United States has been expanding an existing U.S. State Department division set up in 2011 that Hussain heads known as the Center for Strategic Counterterrorism Communications. □

Top US-Iranian technicians meet as nuke talks reach tough phase

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Associated Press

VIENNA (AP) — Top nuclear experts from Iran and the United States huddled Wednesday on disputes that have pushed negotiations over Tehran's nuclear program into overtime. Some foreign ministers were returning to Vienna later in the day, but others were staying away, reflecting the distance still to go for a deal. As U.S. Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz met with Iranian nuclear chief Ali Akbar Salehi, Secretary of State John Kerry and Iranian Foreign Minister Mohamad Javad Zarif took a breather from their rounds of bilateral meetings — their first break since the current round began nearly two weeks ago.

Kerry and Zarif are taking the lead in the seven-nation talks and had spoken of progress since their first meeting Saturday, adding to hopes that the original June 30 deadline would be met. But disputes over the length and kinds of limits on Tehran's nuclear program and the timing for lifting economic penalties persisted, forcing negotiators to extend, first to Tuesday and then to Friday.

Diplomats on Tuesday said that most technical questions had been agreed on. But the fact that the two top nuclear experts met twice Wednesday for at least three hours indicated problems remained that only technicians could solve.

Kerry and Zarif had been joined over the past few days by the foreign ministers of the other nations at the table — Russia, China, Britain, France and Germany. That had led to expectations that a deal could be near and awaiting a formal announcement.

But the talks broke through their second deadline in a week on Tuesday, raising new questions about the ability of world powers to cut off all Iranian pathways to nuclear weapons through diplomacy and ways of lifting sanctions on Iran. Federica Mogherini, the European Union's foreign policy chief, spoke of "tense" moments, and the State Department extended the current interim nuclear arrangement with Tehran through Friday.

Ministers of the other nations at the table had joined Kerry and Zarif over the past few days in hopes their added diplomatic weight would clinch agreement.

President Barack Obama has said the United States would walk away from the negotiating table rather than sign a bad deal. While congressional Republicans and Mideast allies like Israel and Saudi Arabia remain skeptical, Senate Democrats who met with Obama at the White House Tuesday night said they were confident he would only accept a "good deal."

"He (Obama) went out of his way last night to make it clear that he is prepared to walk away from the table and bear the consequences if the Iranians don't bend on these last few ... issues," said Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., also expressed confidence that Obama would abandon a bad deal. But asked if they had the same understanding of a "bad deal," she replied, "That remains to be seen, I don't know." French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius was expected back later Wednesday along with German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier and British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond. But Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and Wang Yi of China have announced no immediate plans to return, suggesting negotiators were still not close to a deal.

New difficulties also have surfaced over the past few days. Iran is pushing for an end to a U.N. arms embargo on the country but Washington opposes that demand. □



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Tech disruptions simultaneously plague United, NYSE, WSJ

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — It was a rough day for tech: The nation's biggest airline, its oldest

stock exchange, and its most prominent business newspaper all suffered technology problems that upended service for parts of the day. "In my business, you don't

have a Plan B," said a United Airlines spokesman at the New York Stock Exchange halted trading. In the midst of that, the Wall Street Journal's website, WSJ.com, had "tech-

problems eventually will become smart enough to maintain themselves." Technology makes life easier and the economy more

complex, and other electronic devices increasingly connect together over the Internet.

For United, it was the second major technical issue in two months.

On June 2 the airline had to halt all takeoffs in the U.S. because of what it described as computer automation issues.

The length of Wednesday's outages also is disconcerting, Gartner's Litan said.

It took the New York Stock Exchange until 3:10 p.m. — just over three and a half hours — to resume trading.

"I think everyone needs to assume technology is going to go down sometimes, but you should be resilient enough to quickly recover from the outage within a half hour, if not a few minutes," Litan said.

Still, being deprived of technology for a few hours is a reminder that it is still clearly better than the alternative.

"When you've got six of seven billion shares a day (trading) I'm not sure you've got any other choice," said Larry Tabb, founder and CEO of the Tabb Group, a financial research firm that focuses on market structure and trading.

"I can't image going back to paper tickets and floor trading. If Google goes down are you going to have a bunch of people with encyclopedias looking up answers for people? The cat is out of the bag." □



Passengers check into the United ticket counter at Tampa International Airport, Wednesday, July 8, 2015 in Tampa Fla. It was a rough day for tech: The nation's biggest airline, its oldest stock exchange, and its most prominent business newspaper all suffered technology problems that upended service for parts of the day. A "router issue" at United Airlines suspended all of the company's flights for nearly two hours, leading to 800 flight delays and 60 cancellations.

(James Borchuck/The Tampa Bay Times via AP)

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Government officials said that it did not appear that the incidents were related, or the result of sabotage, counter to an endless stream of jokes and con-

love coincidences," Comey told Congress Wednesday. "But it does appear that there is not a cyber intrusion involved."

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lem" at the New York Stock Exchange halted trading. In the midst of that, the Wall Street Journal's website, WSJ.com, had "technical difficulties" that sent

readers to a temporary site while the paper worked to fix the problem. "The problem is humans can't keep up with all the technology they have created," said Avivah Litan, an analyst at Gartner.

"It's becoming unmanageable by the human brain. Our best hope may be that

efficient, allowing for nearly instantaneous flow of information and communication and for remote control of far-flung operations. Until it fails.

And technology problems like Wednesday's that temporarily knock out vital services and conveniences of modern life are likely to become more common as



Baltimore mayor fires police commissioner amid homicide rise

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BALTIMORE (AP) — Baltimore's mayor fired the troubled city's police commissioner Wednesday, saying that a recent spike in homicide rates weeks after a black man died of injuries in police custody required a change in leadership. Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake thanked Police Commissioner Anthony Batts for his service — and praised the job he had done — but said growing criticism of his leadership had become a “distraction” that was preventing the city from moving ahead.

Deputy Police Commissioner Kevin Davis will serve as interim commissioner, Rawlings-Blake said.

“We need a change,” the mayor told a news conference with Davis by her side. “This was not an easy decision but it is one that is in the best interest of Baltimore. The people of Baltimore deserve better and we're going to get better.” The firing comes 2 1/2 months after the city broke out into riots following the death of Freddie Gray, who died in April of injuries



Then-Baltimore Police Department Commissioner Anthony Batts listens a news conference, in Baltimore. Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake announced the firing of Batts in a news release Wednesday, July 8.

(AP Photo/Patrick Semansky)

he received in police custody. Six police officers have been criminally charged in Gray's death.

After the violence, arrests in the city plummeted and the city's homicide rate increased. On Tuesday night, gunmen jumped out of two

vans and fired at a group of people a few blocks from an urban university campus, killing three people. A fourth person sought treatment for a gunshot wound to the buttocks and was in stable condition.

Police said Wednesday

that the shooting wasn't random, but no arrests have been made.

“As we have seen in recent weeks, too many continue to die on our streets, including three just last night and one earlier today,” Rawlings-Blake said. Referring to

Batts, she said that “recent events proved that his being here was a distraction.” “A key goal of my administration is making Baltimore a safer place. We cannot continue to debate the leadership of the department. We cannot continue to have the level of violence we've seen in recent weeks in this city. We have made progress; I don't want to lose that progress.” The mayor said that in addition to reducing crime, Davis would “bring accountability to police, hold officers who act out of line accountable for their actions.” On Tuesday, the police department announced that an outside organization will review the department's response to the civil unrest that followed Gray's death. Most of the unrest took place on April 27, prompted by Gray's death on April 19. In the meantime, the U.S. Justice Department is conducting a civil rights review of the department, and Batts has been criticized by the Baltimore police union. Rawlings-Blake appointed Batts as police commissioner in September 2012. □

NYC City Council Speaker: Washington must help Puerto Rico

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — New York City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, who is arguably becoming one of the nation's most influential Puerto Rican politicians, is urging Congress and the Obama administration to step in and help the island commonwealth struggling under the weight of its debt.

Mark-Viverito, who was born in Puerto Rico, said Wednesday that the situa-

tion in her native land was “a fiscal crisis” that required help from the superpower that sits 1,000 miles from its shores. “My mother still lives there, my family still lives there. I hope to retire there someday,” Mark-Viverito told The Associated Press in her first comments on the matter. “This is very personal to me to see Puerto Rico in this situation.”

Puerto Rican Gov. Alejandro Garcia Padilla said last month the island's \$72 billion public debt is unpay-

able given the current level of economic growth. He is seeking a payment moratorium from bondholders — including the United States — as the commonwealth attempts to emerge from a nearly decade-long economic slump.

Mark-Viverito, a Democrat who was elected to the speakership last year, urged quick action to address the situation, which has become a popular debate topic among the 2016 presidential candidates in

recent days.

She advocated Congress allowing Puerto Rico to restructure its debt, giving the U.S. territory the same ability as cities and public corporations under the bankruptcy code. Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton advocated a similar strategy earlier this week.

“Congress is not a very friendly place these days,” said the liberal Mark-Viverito, “but we can't wait.” She also urged the Obama

administration to issue executive orders that would ease the costs of shipping and health care on the island, which is mired in a prolonged economic slump.

“Young people are leaving year after year because there are better opportunities elsewhere,” said Mark-Viverito, who owns property in Puerto Rico and returns several times a year to visit the island where she lived before moving to Manhattan at age 18. □

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South Carolina House opens debate over Confederate flag

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Associated Press

COLUMBIA, South Carolina
(AP) — The South Carolina House opened what could be its final debate over the Confederate flag Wednesday, deliberating a proposal that might remove the banner from the Capitol grounds before the end of the week.

The House is under pressure to act after the state Senate passed its own measure, which is supported by Gov. Nikki Haley. But some Republicans proposed changes to the Senate bill that would preserve some kind of symbol in front of the Statehouse to honor their Southern ancestors.

Lawmakers who want to bring down the flag are fighting the proposals because any change to the Senate bill could delay by weeks or months the flag's removal, perhaps blunting momentum that has grown since nine black churchgoers were killed last month during Bible study at a historic African-American church in Charleston. The House rejected four amendments to the Senate bill. All of them would take down the flag. One would have planted the state flower — yellow jasmine — where the flag currently flies on a flagpole by a monument to Confederate soldiers. Another would have set up a display case of historical flags by the monument.

Opponents of removing the flag talked about grandparents who passed down family treasures and lamented that the flag had been "hijacked" or "abducted" by racists. Rep. Mike Pitts, who remembered playing with a Confederate ancestor's cavalry sword while growing up, said for him the flag is a reminder of how

dirt-poor Southern farmers fought Yankees not because they hated blacks or supported slavery, but because their land was being invaded. Those soldiers should be respected just as soldiers who fought in the Middle East or Afghanistan, he said, recalling his own military service. Pitts then turned to a lawmaker he called a dear friend, recalling how his black colleague nearly died in Vietnam.

"I'm willing to move that flag at some point if it causes a twinge in the hearts of my friends," Pitts said. "But I'll ask for something in return."

The debate began less than a day after the U.S. House voted to ban the display of Confederate flags at historic federal cemeteries in the Deep South states. House Minority Leader Todd Rutherford said Democrats are united behind the Senate bill, which would remove the Confederate flag and the flagpole and send the banner to the state's Confederate Relic Room — the same resting place for the final rebel flag that flew over the Statehouse dome until it was taken down in 2000.

If House members back the Senate bill, Gov. Nikki Haley could quickly sign it into law, potentially bringing the flag down within days. Any change to the Senate bill is unacceptable to the 46 Democrats in the 124-member House — a critical number because some Democrats will have to support any bill to take down the flag to reach the two-thirds threshold required by law, Minority Leader Todd Rutherford said. Rutherford said any flag that goes up beside the monument to Confederate soldiers "will be the new vestige of racism." □



Rep. Christopher Corley, R- Aiken, shows his frustration by waving a white flag of surrender during debate over a Senate bill calling for the Confederate flag to be removed from the Capitol grounds Wednesday, July 8, 2015, in Columbia, S.C. The House is under pressure to act after the state Senate passed its own measure, which is supported by Gov. Nikki Haley. But some Republicans proposed changes to the Senate bill that would preserve some kind of symbol in front of the Statehouse to honor their Southern ancestors.

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San Francisco defendant's immigration history is common



Francisco Sanchez, right, is lead into the courtroom by San Francisco Public Defender Jeff Adachi, left, and Assistant District Attorney Diana Garciaor, center, for his arraignment in San Francisco. Prosecutors have charged the Mexican immigrant with murder in the waterfront shooting death of 32-year-old Kathryn Steinle.

(Michael Macor/San Francisco Chronicle via AP, Pool)

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Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Long before he was arrest-

ed in the shooting death of a woman at one of San Francisco's most popular tourist sites, Juan Francisco Lopez Sanchez was using

the U.S.-Mexican border like a revolving door.

He was arrested while in the U.S. illegally and deported to his native Mexico

five times from June 1994 to June 2009, only to slip back into the country. He served roughly 15 years in federal prison in three stints for illegal re-entry, completing the most recent stretch earlier this year.

But his habit of sneaking across the border is not all that uncommon. His case has illustrated yet again how border enforcement along the nearly 2,000-mile (3,220-kilometer) boundary with Mexico is an often frustrating task.

Last week, Sanchez was arrested and accused of killing 32-year-old Kathryn Steinle as she walked with her father. He pleaded not guilty Tuesday to murder charges. It turned out that Sanchez, 45, was out on the streets because of San Francisco's "sanctuary" policy of minimal cooperation with federal immigration authorities.

"It's hard to physically prevent a committed immigrant from finding a way to

get back in the U.S.," said Marc Rosenblum, deputy director for U.S. immigration policy at the Migration Policy Institute.

In 2013, a total of 18,498 people were sentenced for the federal crime of felony re-entry of the U.S. The offenders had been deported an average of 3.2 times each. The average sentence was 18 months, according to the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

A dramatic increase in border enforcement after the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 made it increasingly difficult to cross. The Border Patrol doubled to more than 20,000 agents under President George W. Bush, and fences were erected on about one-third of the border. Exactly how Sanchez managed to keep slipping back into the U.S. was not clear. But he was sent to federal prison in 1998, serving about 4½ years, and again in 2003, where he put in nearly six years, and again in 2011, when he got close to four years. After he completed that term, federal officials transferred him to San Francisco's jail in March to face a 20-year-old marijuana charge.

But local prosecutors dropped the drug charge, and the San Francisco sheriff, citing the city's sanctuary policy, released Sanchez in April, despite an Immigration and Customs Enforcement request to hold him for deportation.

ICE officials criticized the sheriff, who blamed the federal agency for not obtaining a warrant or court order that would have kept Sanchez locked up.□

Star chef Jose Andres cancels restaurant for Trump hotel

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Celebrity chef Jose Andres backed out of plans Wednesday to open a flagship restaurant in Donald Trump's new hotel under construction in Washington amid ongoing fallout from Trump's political statements. Andres, a Spanish immigrant, cited Trump's statements "disparaging immigrants" in his decision to cancel plans to open an eatery at the Trump International Hotel. Andres is known for popularizing the small dishes known as tapas in the United States.

Real estate mogul and Republican presidential candidate Trump said in a speech June 16 that some Mexican immigrants bring drugs and crime to the U.S., and some are rapists. Various organizations are severing relationships with Trump. Andres said Trump's statements "make it impossible for my company and I to move forward." More than half of his team is Hispanic, as are many of his restaurant guests, the chef said. "As a proud Spanish immigrant and recently naturalized American citizen myself, I believe that every human being de-

serves respect, regardless of immigration status," Andres said.

The new 270-room Trump International Hotel is being built in the historic Old Post Office Pavilion on Pennsylvania Avenue between the White House and the Capitol. It is slated to open in 2016 after a \$200 million redevelopment.

Donald Trump Jr., Trump's son and a Trump Organization executive, issued a statement threatening legal action and noted that Andres has a 10-year lease. The Trump Organization would seek to recover any unpaid rent for the full 10-

year term, he said.

"Our relationship with Jose Andres has always been a good one, but simply put, Jose has no right to terminate or otherwise abandon his obligations under the lease," Donald Trump Jr. said. "We will also enforce the exclusivity provisions preventing Mr. Andres from opening a competing restaurant anywhere in the D.C. area." On Monday, The Washington Post reported some immigrant workers at the hotel construction site said they came to the country illegally and are wary now of working for Trump.□



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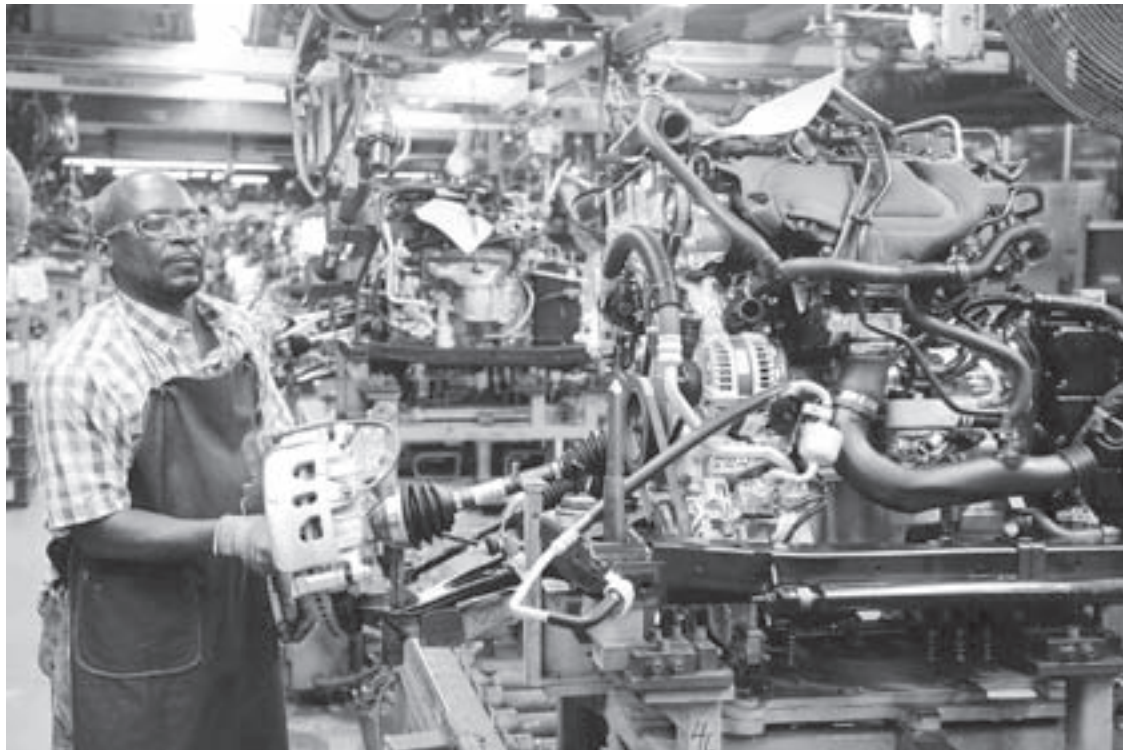



Preserving jobs, pay raises on table as US auto talks open

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AP Auto Writer

LORDSTOWN, Ohio (AP) — The day before hundreds of United Auto Workers delegates gathered to set strategy for contract talks with the Detroit Three, General Motors sent them a not-so-subtle message. GM announced a \$350 million investment in a Mexican factory to build the Chevrolet Cruze compact car, currently built for all of North America at a sprawling plant in Lordstown, Ohio, east of Cleveland. At Lordstown and 11 other GM assembly plants scattered across the U.S., some workers feared their jobs could be moving south. Others sensed pre-contract posturing. "If they moved a lot of stuff to Mexico, it would ruin the partnership with the union," said Nick Waun, a worker at an SUV plant outside Lansing, Michigan.

Posturing or not, the talks, which open this month, are expected to be the toughest in recent memory. For the first time in more than a decade, the companies are healthy and making billions in profits. The union



A Ford Motor Co. employee works on the engine assembly of a 2016 Ford Explorer at the Chicago Assembly Plant in Chicago. Preserving jobs, pay raises, cost cuts are all on the table as Detroit automakers open talks with UAW beginning July 13, 2015.

(AP Photo/M. Spencer Green)

says it sacrificed in previous contracts and workers now deserve pay raises. GM and Ford contend that labor costs are already higher than at Honda or Toyota, putting them at a disadvantage. The steady march of auto jobs to low-wage Mexico is one of many contentious issues. But much of the bar-

gaining will focus on pay. Many workers want to scrap a two-tier wage system created seven years ago to help the companies cut costs when they were losing billions. A "second-tier" wage for new hires now tops out at \$19.28 per hour, about \$10 less than what longtime workers earn. That means new hires

make 35 percent less for doing the same work. But even longtime "top-tier" workers aren't all happy. They haven't had a pay raise for a decade, although UAW workers have gotten handsome profit-sharing checks. GM and Ford say they need to cut total labor costs. Ford pays about \$57 per hour in

wages and benefits, \$8 to \$9 higher than Honda and Toyota pay at U.S. plants. Chrysler, with labor costs about equal to Toyota, doesn't want expenses to grow. One place for savings might be health care. UAW workers pay relatively little toward what is a huge and growing cost to the automakers.

"The UAW says it's our turn. We've sacrificed," says Kristen Diczek, head of the industry and labor group for the Center for Automotive Research, an industry think tank. "The companies say we can't go back to old ways, we can't go back to getting locked into wage increases that multiply over time."

Back in the 1970s, the talks set wages for 1.5 million UAW members and were the benchmark for blue-collar America. The negotiations now cover only 140,000 workers, but still set the bar for those in the auto parts, agricultural and heavy equipment businesses.

UAW President Dennis Williams finds himself in a difficult — if not impossible — position. □

US job openings stay high, but actual hiring falters in May

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Job openings stayed close to a 15-year high in May. It's a sign that companies are expecting continued economic growth, but the level of advertised jobs hasn't driven the same kind of increase in actual hiring. The Labor Department said this week that the number of open jobs rose 0.5 percent to 5.36 million in May. April's total was revised

down to 5.33 million from 5.38 million, which had been the highest total during the 15 years that the government has tracked the data. The stronger confidence among employers has yet to boost an even stronger level of hiring and pay raises that would fuel faster economic growth. The number of new hires slipped somewhat in May for the second straight month, while the number of workers who

chose to leave their jobs — a sign of strength since quits are generally associated with people finding better jobs — was basically unchanged. The challenge may be that employers are struggling to find skilled workers at the salaries being offered. But they also may be hesitant to increase pay to attract more talented applicants. Companies could be vetting applicants more care-

fully, causing a lag between job postings and hiring. "Measures of job turnover, which tend to lead wage acceleration, were disappointing," said Jeremy Schwartz, an analyst at Credit Suisse. Hiring and job quits "have generally been stagnant since last autumn." The rate of workers quitting remains 9.2 percent lower than it was in 2007, shortly before the Great Recession

started, according to the Economic Policy Institute, a liberal think tank. Still, the additional job openings hint at the possibility that job growth and wages will eventually improve. The Federal Reserve is monitoring these factors for evidence of economic stability so that it can begin to raise interest rates from historic lows, a process that Fed officials have indicated could begin this year. □

Greece seeks 3-year plan, rushes to detail reforms

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ATHENS, Greece (AP) — With a deadline just hours away to come up with a detailed economic reform

disagreement over whether to award the country debt relief — with Germany at odds with the International Monetary Fund. Without a deal, Greece faces an almost inevitable

Mechanism. In a formal request that was filled with vague promises but short on details, the Greek government pledged to “immediately implement a set of

to review the plan before all 28 leaders of the full European Union meet on Sunday in what has been termed as Greece's last chance to stay in the euro. But Greece's major creditors were hardly in lock-step over what path to take in dealing with the struggling but defiant EU member nation.

IMF chief Christine Lagarde reiterated Wednesday that Greece's massive debt would need restructuring, something that Germany — Greece's largest European lender — has resisted.

Speaking in Washington, Lagarde said Greece needed to continue cost-cutting reforms, but added: “The other leg is debt restructuring, which we believe is needed ... for debt sustainability.”

“It well may be that the numbers may have to be revisited, but our analysis has not changed,” she said of the need for granting Greece better repayment terms.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Jack Lew added pressure on the European lenders, arguing debt relief was needed for a deal — and describing a Greek euro-exit as a “geopolitical mistake.”

“I don't think any prime minister of Greece could sell all the additional fiscal measures, plus the structural reforms that are needed without some sense of what the debt sustainability looks like,” he said in Washington. □



Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras, left, shakes hands with Donald Tusk, president of the European Council, before delivering his speech at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, eastern France, Wednesday, July 8, 2015. Tsipras says his country wants a deal that will mean a definitive end to Greece's protracted financial crisis, and that last Sunday's referendum result does not mean a break with Europe.

(AP Photo/Jean-Francois Badias)

plan, Greece requested a new three-year rescue from its European partners Wednesday as signs grew its economy was sliding toward free-fall without an urgently needed bailout.

As its banking system teetered near the edge, the government extended bank closures into next week, while international creditors were in open

collapse of the banking system, which would be the first step for the country to fall out of the euro.

As Thursday's deadline loomed, the government sought to reassure its European creditors that it would enact tax and pension reforms quickly in exchange for loans from Europe's bailout fund, the European Stability

measures as early as the beginning of next week” — but did not specify what these were.

After months of fruitless negotiations with the Greek government, the skeptical eurozone creditor states have said they want to see a detailed, cost-accounted plan of the reforms by Thursday. That is meant to give enough time

Putin:

Russia and China can overcome any difficulty together

UFA, Russia (AP) — Welcoming China's leader to two summits in a Russian city, President Vladimir Putin said Wednesday that Russia and China can overcome their countries' difficulties by working together. Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping both arrived Wednesday in the Russian city of Ufa for summits of the BRICS trade group and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization. The BRICS group also in-

cludes Brazil, India and South Africa, while the SCO, which also focuses on regional security and political issues as well as economics, includes the former Soviet Central Asian republics of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. Iran, India and Pakistan are observer SCO participants. The summits, held in a city 1,170 kilometers (725 miles) east of Moscow, come as both the Russian and Chinese economies are under-

going major strains. Russia's economy has contracted and its currency has sunk due to the fall in world oil prices and Western sanctions over the Ukraine crisis. China, after a yearslong bull market, has seen its benchmark stock index drop 30 percent in the past month. “Combining efforts, no doubt we will overcome all the problems before us,” Putin said.

The Russian president held bilateral meetings with oth-

er leaders on Wednesday ahead of the BRICS summit opening Thursday and a meeting that day with Iranian President Hassan Rouhani. The two-day SCO summit also opens Thursday.

Alexei Ulyukaev, Russia's minister of economic development, said financial aid to Greece won't be discussed at the BRICS summit, and added that Greece has not asked for aid from Russia. □

Russia vetoing
UN resolution
on Srebrenica

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UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Russia vetoed a U.N. resolution Wednesday that would have condemned the 1995 massacre of Muslims at Srebrenica during the Bosnian war as a “crime of genocide,” saying that singling out the Bosnian Serbs for a war crime would create greater division in the Balkans. Two international courts have called the slaughter by Bosnian Serbs of some 8,000 Muslim men and boys who had sought refuge at what was supposed to be a U.N.-protected site genocide.

But Russia's U.N. Ambassador Vitaly Churkin objected to focusing only on Srebrenica, calling the resolution “confrontational and politically motivated” and stressing that Bosnian Serbs and Croats had also suffered during the 1992-95 war that killed at least 100,000 people.

Britain drafted the resolution to mark the 20th anniversary of the Srebrenica massacre on Tuesday, but the vote was delayed to address Russian concerns. The defeated resolution states that acceptance of “the tragic events at Srebrenica as genocide is a prerequisite for reconciliation” and “condemns denial of this genocide as hindering efforts towards reconciliation.”

Britain's U.N. deputy ambassador Peter Wilson stressed that the resolution “did not point fingers of blame, score political points nor seek to reopen political divisions.” It also didn't link the crimes at Srebrenica to the Serb people and recognized there were victims on all sides, he said. The vote was 10 countries in favor, Russia casting a veto, and four abstentions — China, Nigeria, Angola and Venezuela.

Leaders of the Bosnian Serbs and Serbia, who have close religious and cultural ties to Russia, have lobbied President Vladimir Putin to vote “no.” □

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Boko Haram offering to swap kidnapped girls for detainees

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LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — Nigeria's Boko Haram extremists are offering to free more than 200 young women and girls kidnapped from a boarding school in the town of Chibok in exchange for the release of militant leaders held by the government, a human rights activist has told The Associated Press.

The activist said Boko Haram's current offer is limited to the girls from the school in northeastern Nigeria whose mass abduction in April 2014 ignited worldwide outrage and a campaign to "Bring Back Our Girls" that stretched to the White House.

The new initiative reopens an offer made last year to the government of former President Goodluck Jonathan to release the 219 students in exchange for 16 Boko Haram detainees, the activist said. The man, who was involved in negotiations with Boko Haram last year and is close to current negotiators, spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to reporters on this sensitive issue.

Fred Eno, an apolitical Nigerian who has been negotiating with Boko Haram for more than a year, told the AP that "another window of opportunity opened" in the last few days, though he could not discuss details. He said the recent slew of Boko Haram bloodletting — some 350 people killed in the past nine days — is consistent with past ratcheting up of violence as the militants seek a stronger negotiating position.

Presidential adviser Femi Adesina said on Saturday that Nigeria's government "will not be averse" to talks with Boko Haram. "Most wars, however furious or vicious, often end around the negotiation table," he said.

Eno said the 5-week-old administration of President Muhammadu Buhari offers "a clean slate" to bring the militants back to negotiations that had become poisoned by the different security agencies and their advice to Jonathan. Two months of talks last year led government representatives and Eno to travel in September to a northeastern town where the prisoner exchange was to take place, only to be stymied by the Department for State Service intelligence agency, the activist said. At the last minute, the agency said it was holding only four of the militants sought by Boko Haram, the activist said. It is not known how many Boko Haram suspects are detained by Nigeria's intelligence agency, whose chief Buhari fired last week.

The activist said the agency continues to hold suspects illegally because it does not have enough evidence for a conviction, and any court would free them. Nigerian law requires charges be brought after 48 hours. Thousands of suspects have died in custody, and some detainees wanted by Boko Haram may be among them. Amnesty International alleges that 8,000 detainees have died in military custody — some have been shot, some have died from untreated injuries due to torture, and some have died from starvation and other harsh treatment. □



Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, right, speaks as Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif listens during a joint press conference in Kabul, Afghanistan. Pakistan said Wednesday, July 8, 2015, that the first official face-to-face discussions between Afghan government officials and the Taliban have made progress. (AP Photo/Rahmat Gul)

Officials: Pakistan sees progress after hosting Afghan-Taliban talks

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ISLAMABAD (AP) — Pakistan said Wednesday that the first official face-to-face discussions between Afghan government officials and the Taliban have made progress, with the two sides agreeing at a meeting near Islamabad to work on confidence-building measures and hold more such talks after the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. The statement by the Foreign Ministry came after Islamabad hosted the landmark, one-day talks Tuesday at the hilltop resort of Murree, close to the Pakistani capital. The meeting, supervised by U.S. and Chinese representatives, ended with both sides agreeing to meet again, the Foreign Ministry statement said.

The talks came after several informal contacts between the Taliban and Afghan government representatives, most recently in Qatar and Norway. The

fact that Tuesday's talks were the first formally acknowledged by the Afghan government and the semi-public nature of the meeting suggested possible progress, after years of frustration in trying to bring the two sides together. The Islamabad statement said the participants recognized the need to "develop confidence-building measures" and exchanged views on ways to bring peace and reconciliation to Afghanistan, where fighting has continued since the Taliban were removed from power by U.S.-led forces in 2001.

Since taking office in September, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani has made it a priority to find a peace settlement for his war-battered country. He has sought Pakistan's help in bringing the Taliban to the negotiations, since Islamabad is believed to wield influence over the group. Afghan forces are now

bearing the brunt of the insurgency after the U.S. and NATO forces reduced their combat role in Afghanistan at the start of the year, with Washington cutting its troop presence in the country.

The Afghan Ministry of Foreign Affairs welcomed the development, praising Pakistan and thanking Washington and China. "We believe that if there is a good and strong intention in the peace process, there will be good results," Kabul said.

Previous efforts to start a dialogue had stalled. Also, there have been differences among the Taliban over the talks in the past. It was not clear whether the Taliban representatives who attended the Pakistan meeting had the green light from their supreme leader, Mullah Omar, or the insurgents' political office in Qatar, which was specifically set up to work toward a peace deal. □

Iraq sentences 24 IS militants to death for killing soldiers

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BAGHDAD (AP) — A Baghdad court on Wednesday sentenced 24 suspected members of the Islamic State terror group to death for their role in the killing of hundreds of Iraqi soldiers during the extremists' blitz across the country last year. The case stems from the horrific killings of 1,700 Iraqi soldiers at the hands of the

Islamic State militants who captured the troops after IS overran Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit in June 2014.

At the time, the soldiers were trying to flee from Camp Speicher, a nearby army base.

After Tikrit was captured, IS posted graphic images and video that showed its gunmen massacring scores of the soldiers after loading the captives onto flatbed

trucks and then forcing them to lay face-down in a shallow ditch.

Iraqi forces, assisted by airstrikes from a U.S.-led coalition, retook Tikrit in April, and arrested dozens of suspects linked to the massacre. Forensic teams exhumed many of the bodies from mass graves believed to contain some of the hundreds of soldiers killed by Islamic State militants.

The 24 defendants sen-

tenced Wednesday to death by hanging were charged with the killings and membership in a terror group. All pleaded not guilty, insisting that they never took part in the massacre. They told the court that their confessions were coerced under torture by Iraqi officers.

The trial in Baghdad was attended by families of the slain troops — many of whom had filed claims

against the defendants. Some of the families told the judge that a day after the fall of Tikrit, they received calls from their relatives in Speicher, telling them that some Sunnis tribal chiefs had arrived at the gate of the air base and told the soldiers that they can go home safely by lorries waiting for them outside the base. Hours later, all contact was lost with the soldiers. □

22 die in clashes in Algeria, president orders crackdown

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ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika issued an emergency plan on Wednesday to crack down on mounting ethnic unrest around the country's southern oasis city of Ghardaia, which has left at least 22 people dead in the past two days. The three-point plan covering security, justice and development put the area's military commander in charge of both security forces and local officials trying to restore order, according to a statement from the president's office. The president ordered the prosecutor in the region to follow all lawbreakers "with diligence and severity," the statement said. The violence in the poor desert region of Ghardaia, more than 600 kilometers (375 miles) south of Algiers, was the latest episode of sporadic but sometimes deadly unrest between rival gangs of Berbers and Arabs.

Riot police moved in to



Hundreds of demonstrators of the Berber community stage a protest in front of a walled area where Algiers' newspapers are headquartered in support of Berbers in the southern Ghardaia region where at least 22 people have died in ethnic unrest, in Algiers, Algeria, Wednesday, July 8, 2015.

(AP Photo/Sidali Djarboub)

quell the clashes that included fires and vandalism targeting shops, cars and public buildings in the towns of Guerrara, Ghardaia and Berianne, the official APS news agency re-

ported. It was not immediately clear how many security forces were in the region. At one point last year, thousands of troops were sent in to quell a spike in violence.

The prefecture put the number of dead in the latest clashes over two days at 22, most of them on Wednesday.

APS said most of the deaths were from "projectiles" and

occurred in Guerrara, 120 kilometers (75 miles) north-east of Ghardaia. One person was fatally wounded in Ghardaia when hit by a rock to the head. Dozens of others were injured, some seriously, APS said.

The daily El Watan reported gunfire during the unrest, and wrote that "masked hordes on big motorbikes were combing neighborhoods of Guerrara and seeding terror among the population."

Bouteflika sent Algeria's interior minister to the area and later called the urgent high-level security meeting to discuss the gravity of the latest confrontations and decide a plan of action. Among those present were the prime minister, defense officials and the army chief of staff.

Ghardaia, a UNESCO world heritage site, has been at the epicenter of the unrest. Members of the local Berber community, known as Mozabites, speak their own language and follow a different school of Islam than the majority of Algerians. □

Syrian activists say IS supporters hacked their website

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BEIRUT (AP) — Hackers claiming to be supporters of the Islamic State group on Wednesday hacked the website of the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, the head of the monitoring group said.

The Observatory, which has been tracking Syria's conflict since it started in

March 2011, has been aggressively reporting over the past year on atrocities committed by the Islamic State extremists.

The cyberattack reflected the growing use of Internet — often a sophisticated tool used by the Islamic State and the Sunni militants' backers — since the IS declared an Islamic caliphate on the territories it captured in June 2014 in

Syria and neighboring Iraq. The Observatory chief, Rami Abdurrahman, said the hacking will not deter him from reporting on the violations carried out in Syria. He added that his activist group had received threats in the past from President Bashar Assad's government, as well as the Islamic State group and al-Qaida's affiliate in Syria, the Nusra Front.

"We will continue our work in monitoring and reporting all violations committed in Syria no matter what side is carrying them out," Abdurrahman said over the telephone.

He added that if one day he is harmed, there are more than 230 activists working for the group throughout Syria who will continue the job.

The group's website was

not opening on Wednesday afternoon.

Abdurrahman said the hackers put a photo-shopped photograph of him on the webpage. It shows him wearing an orange jumpsuit while a masked man in black stands behind him with a knife — something reminiscent of beheading photographs published by the IS in the past. □



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Philippines asking panel to invalidate China's sea claims

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Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines (AP)

— The Philippines has asked an international tribunal to declare China's claims to virtually all the South China Sea invalid, saying Beijing's actions have trampled other nations' rights and damaged vast coral reefs irreversibly. Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario told the tribunal in The Hague on Tuesday that China's strategy was to gradually take control of the strategic waters without sparking a crisis. Philippine officials provided his statement to journalists in Manila on Wednesday.

"China's positions and behavior have become progressively more aggressive and disconcerting," del Rosario told the tribunal. "Outside observers have referred to this as China's 'salami-slicing' strategy: That is, taking little steps over time, none of which individually is enough to provoke a crisis."

"When these small steps are taken together, however, they reflect China's efforts to slowly consolidate de facto control throughout the South China Sea," he said.

China's aggressive moves, like preventing the Philippines from carrying out oil and gas explorations in what Manila considers its territorial waters and the forcible expulsion of Filipino fishermen from a disputed shoal, prompted Manila to take its conflict to international arbitration. Earlier attempts to resolve the conflict through negotiations, a step that China prefers, proved ineffective, del Rosario said. □

Pope insists on church role in Bolivia after limits imposed

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LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP)

— Pope Francis arrived in Bolivia on Wednesday on the second leg of his South American tour and immediately insisted that the Catholic Church continue to play an important role in society amid efforts by the government of President Evo Morales to curb its influence. Francis landed at the La Paz airport from Quito, Ecuador, and was greeted on the tarmac by Morales, children from some of Bolivia's 36 different native peoples, and military and traditional flute bands that played the Bolivian and Holy See anthems.

Morales hugged the pope and hung a pouch around his neck of woven of alpaca with indigenous trimmings. It is of the type commonly used to hold coca leaves, which are chewed by people in the Andes to alleviate altitude sickness. It wasn't known if Francis chewed any leaves, though he was served mate tea made with coca leaves, chamomile and annis on the plane.

La Paz stands at 4,000 meters (about 13,120 feet) above sea level, and the Vatican decided to keep the pope's stay to just four hours to limit any problems for the 78-year-old pontiff, who has only one full lung. Francis though seemed in fine form, bundled against the cold and wind by a white shawl that he donned for his popemobile ride into town past the thousands of people who came to greet him, waving handkerchiefs and singing songs of welcome.

At an airport welcome ceremony with Morales by his side, Francis praised Bolivia for taking "important

steps" to include the poor and marginalized in the political and economic life of the country, South America's poorest.

Morales came to power

mother, from her preferential, evangelical option for the poor," he said.

Morales, for his part, recalled how the Catholic Church in the past was on

address climate change, have bumped up against Morales' clashes with the local clergy.

As soon as Morales took office in 2006, for example,



Pope Francis listens to Bolivia's President Evo Morales upon arrival to El Alto International airport in El Alto, Bolivia, Wednesday, July 8, 2015. Due to the altitude, the pontiff will spend only a few hours in the capital city La Paz, which is near El Alto, during his South American tour. Bolivia is the second of three countries Francis will be visiting on his South American tour.

(AP Photo/Eduardo Verdugo)

championing Bolivia's 36 indigenous groups and enshrined their rights in the constitution, and under his leadership Bolivia's economy has grown thanks to booming prices for its natural gas. But Morales has roiled the local church by taking a series of anti-clerical initiatives, including the new constitution that made the overwhelmingly Catholic nation a secular country.

In his speech, Francis recalled the Catholic faith took "deep root" in Bolivia centuries ago "and has continued to shed its light upon society, contributing to the development of the nation and shaping its culture."

"The voice of the bishops, which must be prophetic, speaks to society in the name of the church, our

the side of the oppressors of Bolivia's people, three-quarters of whom are of indigenous origin. But Morales said things are different with this pope and the Bolivian people are greeting Francis as someone who is "helping in the liberation of our people."

"He who betrays a poor person, betrays Pope Francis," Morales said.

Francis and Morales have met on several occasions, most recently in October when the president, a former coca farmer, participated in a Vatican summit of grassroots groups of indigenous and advocates for the poor who have been championed by Francis. Their shared views on caring for society's poorest, and the need for wealthy countries to drastically change course to

the Bible and cross were removed from the presidential palace. A new constitution in 2009 made the overwhelmingly Catholic nation a secular state and Andean religious rituals replaced Catholic rites at official state ceremonies.

In recent weeks, various senior officials have engaged in a heated war of words with a Spanish priest who has demanded that the Morales administration devote more funds to public health.

"There are some challenging issues in terms of Evo Morales taking on a quite combative role against the church, which he sees as a challenge to his authority," said Clare Dixon, Latin American regional director for CAFOD, the English Catholic aid agency. □

Colombia's FARC announces unilateral cease-fire

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HAVANA (AP) — Colombia's largest guerrilla army on Wednesday announced a monthlong, unilateral cease-fire, seeking to ease tensions as it continues long-running peace talks with the government. Following a series of intensified attacks by both sides that have complicated the peace process, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, said it will halt hostilities as of July 20. "We came to Cuba to

achieve a peace accord, to put an end to a war that has gone on for more than half a century," said a rebel leader who was born Luciano Marin Arango and goes by the nom de guerre Ivan Marquez. "Nothing would please us more than definitively ending the confrontation," he said in Havana, reading from a rebel statement. The guerrillas said they were responding to a call for restraint by both sides that was issued the previous day by Cuba and Norway, which are help-

ing facilitate the negotiations in Havana. Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos welcomed the move but urged the rebels to make commitments to speed up talks. "Of course I value that gesture ... but I don't consider it sufficient," Santos said at a public event in Colombia. "What we want in this country is to end this conflict as soon as possible. And how do we end it? By accelerating the negotiations." On May 22, the FARC lifted a unilateral cease-fire that

had been in place since December, after government troops bombed a guerrilla camp. Since then, at least 22 members of the security forces and 14 rebels have been killed. Government and FARC negotiators have been holding peace talks in a western Havana convention center since late 2012. So far, agreements have been reached on three of the six agenda points. Discussions currently center on reparations for victims of the conflict. □

LATIN BRIEFS

Colombia arrests 15 rebel suspects on capital bombs

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Colombian police arrested 15 presumed collaborators of the country's second largest rebel group in connection with simultaneous bombings that shook the capital last week. The arrests took place Wednesday in coordinated raids on residences throughout Bogota. Among those taken into custody were two individuals who worked as contractors for the city government while others have ties to student groups. President Juan Manuel Santos blamed the National Liberation Army for detonating the homemade explosives outside two offices of a pension fund owned by Colombia's richest businessman. Ten people were injured in the blasts, one which went off in a wealthy district unaccustomed of late to such violence. The motive for the attacks is unclear but the ELN has been blamed for several small attacks in the capital the past year. □

Nicaraguan police beat protesters and harass journalists

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — Nicaraguan police have beaten and detained opposition demonstrators and harassed journalists outside the country's top electoral council. The demonstrators were attending a weekly demonstration in Managua on Wednesday to demand fair election rules and a change of electoral magistrates ahead of the 2016 presidential election. Police initially tried to block protesters from reaching the electoral council offices, but they pushed past a police barricade. Police roughed up several photographers and broke the lens of an Associated Press photographer. Police also detained but later released nine lawmakers from the opposition Independent Liberal Party. Government opponents contend the ruling Sandinista party has skewed electoral rules and oversight in its own favor. □

Venezuela officials step in to keep beer flowing



A man buys beer in an outdoor bar at Caracas's auto show in Venezuela. In July 2015, Venezuelan ombudsman Tarek William Saab is attempting to mediate between pro-government unions demanding better wages and the country's largest beer distributor as a labor dispute threatens to leave beer drinkers thirsty. (AP Photo/Fernando Llano)

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CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — A government official has stepped in to try to solve a dispute between Venezuelan labor unions and the country's largest beer distributor before it

begins to leave brew-lovers thirsty. Empresas Polar is embroiled in a dispute with union workers demanding better wages. Members of some of the dozens of unions representing Polar workers have shut down

breweries and limited distribution of the small bottles of light beer that are favored in Venezuela. Ombudsman Tarek William Saab, a federal official charged with defending human rights in the socialist South American country, met with labor leaders and officials at the company on Tuesday and said the conflict should be resolved through arbitration. Polar's legal director Guillermo Bolinaga said he welcomed Saab's involvement. Polar is Venezuela's largest privately held company and distributes a majority of the country's beer. While there are no signs of shortages on shelves so far, the company says it is struggling to get deliveries out to the central part of Venezuela. Last week, uniformed Polar workers marched through Caracas to demand a new contract. They say wages have failed to keep

up with Venezuela's soaring inflation, which is believed to be the highest in the world, reaching into the triple digits. Company representatives say the disgruntled unions represent a tiny minority of its thousands of workers. Polar is the country's largest food producer, and sells many staples, including pasta and the corn flour used to make traditional Venezuelan arepas. Venezuela has for years grappled with chronic shortages of staples including cooking oil, toilet paper and sugar. President Nicolas Maduro has accused Polar of sabotaging the economy by hoarding goods and intentionally creating shortages, a charge the company has denied. His mentor, the late President Hugo Chavez, made similar allegations, and threatened to nationalize the company. □

Brazil detects billions in suspicious financial activity

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Investigators with Brazil's Finance Ministry say they have identified as much as \$17 billion worth of suspicious activity that may be part of a kickback scandal engulfing the state-owned oil company Petrobras. Antonio Gustavo Rodrigues, head of the ministry's financial intelligence unit, told a congressional

committee the unit had detected the "suspicious movement of 55 billion reals in operations linked to Petrobras." That's equivalent to \$17.2 billion. The website of the lower house of Congress said he made his comments Tuesday. Rodrigues said police and prosecutors must now determine if the suspicious actions were in fact illegal.

Investigators say Brazil's top construction and engineering companies paid bribes to a handful of Petrobras' politically appointed executives in return for inflated contracts. Prosecutors have alleged that some of the money then flowed into the campaign coffers of the governing Workers' Party and its allies, which they deny.

In April, Petrobras acknowledged it chalked up \$2.1 billion in losses over the past eight years as a result of the kickback scheme. However, Carlos Fernando Santos Lima, one of the prosecutors investigating the allegations, said last week that he suspects that Petrobras's losses were much higher. □



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ORANJESTAD - Bourbon is considered the world's finest spirit by some. Made from corn, rye or wheat and barley, it is a 100% natural product with a varying proof percentage. A fine bourbon is like a fine wine: it seduces, delights and intrigues the palate with its complexity. That is what



happened at Sidebar in the Renaissance Marketplace, where Thursday evening's Bourbon Tasting was held under the spirited guidance of Jason Brauner from Louisville, Kentucky: he is an authority on bourbon.

Guests had the pleasure of tasting Angels Envy, Evan Williams single barrel, Four Roses and Kentucky Maid, a delightful, fresh cocktail made with barrel-aged bourbon and decorated with a mint leaf and a slice of cucumber. Menu teasers included fabulous escargots on toast, a wonderful crab cake, a cream cheese filled mushroom with blue cheese and a slider.

Mr. Brauner, who is filled with great stories about bourbon's historic roots, explained why the word 'proof' is used when defining the alcohol percent-



age. "It goes way back to the cowboys in the Wild West," he said. To determine whether the whisky was watered down by the bartender, cowboys used to put gunpowder on the bar and pour a small amount of whisky on it. When they lit this mixture, a blue flame would be the result. When the whisky was watered down, however,

there would be no flame. This was proof of the fraud, hence the word proof. While wines are subject of many regulations, there are no such things on bourbon. But there are many similarities: tasting panels decide whether single barrel bourbons make the grade. They use a taste profile for that. The bourbons that do not receive the single bar-

rel stamp of approval, are used for blends; what you would call cépage in wine-speak.

Asked which bourbon is Jason's personal favorite, he laughs: "You can just as well ask me which of my children I love best. Bourbons vary with the seasons and there are so many good ones." Before World War I bourbon used to be the best-selling liquor in the US – now it is on its way back with a vengeance. The guests who attended the Bourbon Tasting at Sidebar will have received a good taste of some excellent bottles and insight into the ins and outs of bourbon making. Seduction of the palates went without a hitch! □



Real Island Life: Notes From A Day On Aruba!

PALM BEACH - First of all, I like to welcome you to my island in the sun. Aruba's weather is always so predictable (hot and windy) and that might be the main reason you decided to come visit us. Of course besides the sun there is much more like: beaches, restaurants, shopping, gambling, activities and more. Talking about all those fun things to do here, if you live on the island full time, and work every day, you might forget that we truly live in a paradise. Of course on your off

day you might go swimming or drive around but it is after a few more days at home when you start realizing how beautiful our island really is. So I took some time to "smell the ocean breeze"..... I truly think that all locals should do so, once in a while, to appreciate where we live and what we have. ☐ Enjoy breakfast outside in your patio or yard. Breathe in and out.... Let it sink in a little. No rush and no hurry. Take time to enjoy your fresh squeezed lemon juice from your backyard



trees with a fish omelet (left over's from last night's incredible catch of the day). Grab an ice cooler, fill it up with anything you like to drink cold, and start driving. Of course you can get in an air-conditioned car, but also nice for the experience are the open-air jeeps. In that case all you need is to protect yourself with sun block because our sun is really strong-I recommend Aruba Aloe brand! Packed with a towel and the ice cooler I started driving along the coast line.

Never realized how many different shades of blue really exist in the ocean. I counted at least 9 different types of blues-just like you see in famous movies like the "blue lagoon". First stop was the famous Charlie's Bar in San Nicolaas Main Street. Generation after generation of Charlie's have been running this cozy place, where you can spend hours looking around and identifying all the things visiting tourists have left behind to personalize the bar, like baseball

caps, business cards, license plates and of course weird kind of souvenirs. Go check it out yourself..... Up to Baby Beach and Rogers beach. These are the places locals go. This is where we teach our kids to swim. Calm and shallow waters, lots of space to lie out and catch some sun. If you pick a spot close to the Snack Container where they sell burger and refreshments you can enjoy 24-7 "golden oldies". Music you grew up with..... After a few hours of "vegging" on the beach staring at the turquoise ocean and listening to the birds that fly by and walk around it is time to get some food. Zeerovers in Savaneta is the place to go. Simple, clean and oh so good! The freshest fish on the island, brought in directly by our local fisherman. You order by the piece and or pound and as little or as much as you want. The price for fish and chips is so good that you for sure would ask: "is that all"? No fancy dinner ware, just plain easy simple plastic but I promise you that you will be licking your fingers while enjoying a few drinks and the best sunset on the island, island style..... You see now that a day in Aruba can fly by as long as you have fun enjoy every moment of it. Yes, you are in PARADISE!!! ☐



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Alexander and Carmella Lupo Honored at the Marriott Surf Club



PALM BEACH - Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a very nice couple as Ambassadors of Goodwill of Aruba, at



the Marriott Surf Club. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 20-to-34 consecutive years. The honorees were Mr. Alexander and Mrs. Carmella Lupo from Staten Island, New York. Alexander and

Carmella are loyal members of the Marriott Surf Club and they love Aruba very much because of the friendly people, the climate, beaches, restaurants, relaxation and being on Aruba and staying at the Surf Club is like being home for them. This year again they brought a big

group of family members with them to the island and they are having a lot of fun enjoying their beloved Aruba. The certificates were presented by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Mrs. Jenny Boekhoudt representing the Marriott Surf Club. □

John and Karolina Adzija honored at the Renaissance Ocean Suites



ORANJESTAD - Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a very nice couple, whom are loyal and friendly visitors of Aruba, at the Renaissance Ocean Suites, as Ambassadors of

Goodwill.

The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 20-to-34 consecutive years.

The honorees were Mr. John and Mrs. Karolina Adzija from Toronto, Canada.

John and Karolina are loyal members of the Renaissance Ocean Suites, and they love the Island

very much, because of the friendly people, the climate, beaches, restaurants and the diversity of the island and Aruba feels like a second home where the people are like a family to them.

The certificate was presented by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Mrs. Linda Garcia and Mr. Tino Daal representing the Renaissance Ocean Suites. □

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Greipel wins 5th stage of Tour de France

JEROME PUGMIRE

AP Sports Writer

AMIENS, France (AP) —

Andre Greipel won a rain-drenched fifth stage of the Tour de France in a sprint finish on Wednesday, while fellow German Tony Martin kept the yellow jersey and the main Tour contenders stayed safe as others tumbled around them.

Greipel attacked some 100 meters from the line and held on to beat Slovakian Peter Sagan. British sprinter Mark Cavendish finished third.

"It was quite an impressive sprint, because none of the sprinters had their lead-out man," said the 32-year-old Greipel, who timed his move brilliantly down the left. "I somehow managed to find space. I knew the right side was blocked."

The mostly flat stage took the riders over 189.5 kilometers (117.5 miles) from Arras to Amiens in northern France, passing some of the battlefields of World War One.

Riders hoping for a stress-free stage after three days of intense racing were to be disappointed as the rain, which largely stayed away the day before, thundered down and turned the slippery roads of northern France into something of an ice rink.

"It was also very crazy today with rain, wind and a lot of crashes and I'm happy with how we finished," said Sagan, who spent most of his day making sure teammate Alberto Contador stayed safe.

Greipel clinched his second stage win of the race so far — and eighth of his Tour career — punching the air in delight before even crossing the line.

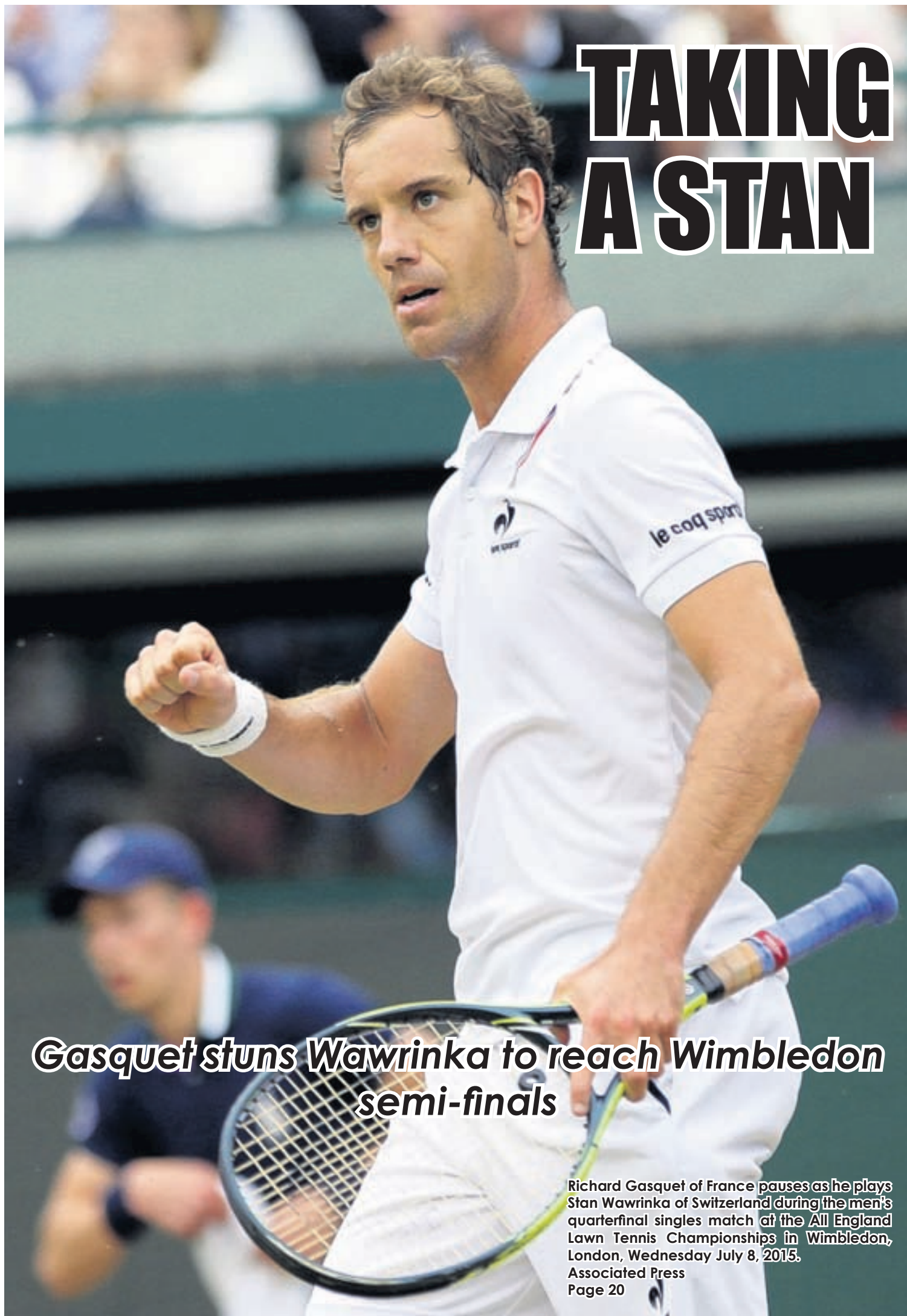
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TAKING A STAN

Gasquet stuns Wawrinka to reach Wimbledon semi-finals

Richard Gasquet of France pauses as he plays Stan Wawrinka of Switzerland during the men's quarterfinal singles match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Wednesday July 8, 2015.

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World No. 1 Rory McIlroy pulls out of British Open

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

The photo Rory McIlroy posted to Instagram on Wednesday shows his feet up, a black air cast around his left ankle, as he watches Wimbledon on television. The claret jug was positioned beneath the screen.

When it comes to a Grand Slam championship in his own sport, the world's No. 1 golfer will be reduced to watching this year.

Two days after the stunning news that he ruptured a ligament in his left ankle, McIlroy pulled out of the British Open at St. Andrews, the first time in 61 years that the defending champion will not be in the field.

He injured his ankle over the weekend playing soccer with friends in Northern Ireland. McIlroy held out hope he could still make it to St. Andrews next week, but he decided it was not worth risking a full recovery. "After much consideration, I have decided not to play in the Open Championship at St. Andrews," McIlroy said on his Instagram post. "I'm taking a long-term view of this injury and, although rehab is progressing well, I want to come back to tournament play when I feel 100 percent healthy and 100 percent competitive."



In this Sunday, July 20, 2014 file photo, Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland holds up the Claret Jug trophy after winning the British Open Golf championship at the Royal Liverpool golf club, Hoylake, England. Associated Press

Ben Hogan in 1954 was the last British Open champion who did not defend. Hogan, who was nearly killed in an automobile accident in 1949, won the only British Open he played in 1953 at Carnoustie.

"We are naturally very disappointed that Rory will be unable to defend his title at St. Andrews next week," the R&A said in a statement. "Rory will play in many more Open Championships and our primary

concern is for his complete recovery."

He was replaced in the field by Russell Knox, who grew up in Inverness in the north of Scotland and will be making his Open debut. Though it wasn't a big surprise that he withdrew — not after the photo Monday of McIlroy on crutches — it was no less jarring that golf's best player would not be at the home of golf to defend his title.

His absence makes Jordan

Spieth the favorite at St. Andrews in his quest for the Grand Slam. Spieth is only the fourth player since 1960 to have won the Masters and the U.S. Open in the same year.

"It's hugely disappointing, especially with him and Jordan and everything that's going on," Graeme McDowell said from the Scottish Open.

"It was looking to be a really exciting Open for all involved. I'm sure he's re-

ally disappointed. ... No one would love to stop Jordan in his tracks next week more than Rory. With the fun rivalry going on and everything, he's going to be gutted.

I saw the golf course last Saturday. I believed that Rory was rightly a favorite. I thought he'd get it done around there."

Still to be determined is how long the ankle injury keeps McIlroy out of golf.

He also is the defending champion in the Bridgestone Invitational at Firestone on Aug. 6-9, and the PGA Championship the following week at Whistling Straits. McIlroy finished one shot out of a playoff when the PGA Championship was last held there in 2010.

"We want him back. Everybody does," Spieth said Tuesday at the John Deere Classic.

"It's unlucky, it's unfortunate, and I'm sure he's taking it harder on himself than anybody else.

"But I don't think he did anything wrong, it was just an unfortunate situation. And hopefully, he rebounds quickly and gets back right to where he was."

Spieth will have a chance to replace McIlroy at No. 1 in the world with a good finish at the John Deere and a victory at St. Andrews. □

Dempsey scores twice, U.S. beats Honduras 2-1

SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Two headed goals by Clint Dempsey gave the United States a 2-1 victory over Honduras on Tuesday and a successful start to its title defense in the CONCACAF Gold Cup.

Dempsey's goals in the 25th and 64th minutes were created from crosses from Michael Bradley, wearing the captain's armband in his 100th international appearance.

Dempsey's big night came in the same area where the East Texas native trained as a youth, and he boosted the Americans to 13-0 in Gold Cup openers.



U.S. forward Clint Dempsey (8) stops the ball in front of Honduras' Henry Figueroa (5) during the first half of a CONCACAF Gold Cup soccer match in Frisco, Texas, Tuesday, July 7, 2015.

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Carlos Discua scored his first international goal in the

69th minute for Honduras, a semifinalist in the past three

Gold Cups.

"It wasn't our best performance, but we're happy to get three points from our first game," Dempsey said. It was the first competitive match for the U.S. since losing to Belgium in overtime in the second round of last year's World Cup. The Americans meet Haiti on Friday and Panama on Monday. Haiti tied Panama 1-1 in the doubleheader opener.

The first goal developed when DeAndre Yedlin played a corner kick short to Bradley, who crossed to the far post. Henry Figueroa's clearance attempt was picked up at the side of the 6-yard box

by Jozy Altidore, who took a touch and shot. Goalkeeper Donis Escobar kicked the ball out with his right foot and it popped up to Dempsey, who nodded it in from 6 yards.

Bradley's free kick from the flank led to the second goal. Escobar stayed on his line and an unmarked Dempsey jumped 4 yards out and headed inside the far post.

After a sluggish start, the U.S. controlled the pace in the second half until Discua took a clever pass from Wilmer Crisanto and touched the ball past a standing Ventura Alvarado before beating goalkeeper Brad Guzan. □

Federer, Murray in Wimbledon showdown; Djokovic gets Gasquet

HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

LONDON (AP) — Roger Federer and Andy Murray ran into each other Wednesday morning in the champions' locker room at the All England Club, then walked together over to the practice area to prepare — on adjacent courts — for their respective quarterfinals later in the day.

"We weren't chatting about anything. It was just, 'Hey, how you doing?' Nothing interesting," Murray recounted. "We get on well. But obviously, on Friday — different story."

Yes, they'll meet up again Friday, only the setting will be far different and things might be a tad less cordial, because the two past Wimbledon titlists face each other at Centre Court in the semifinals.

The No. 2-seeded Federer is closing in on his record eighth trophy at the grass-court tournament; No. 3 Murray's 2013 championship was the first for a British man at Wimbledon in 77 years.

Plus, they have history on this particular patch of grass. In 2012, Federer won his 17th — and, to date, last — Grand Slam title by beating Murray in the Wimbledon final. A few weeks later, also at Centre Court, Murray repaid the favor, beating Federer for the singles gold medal at the London Games.

"We both like to look back at that summer," said Federer, who is 12-11 against Murray. "Me, not so much at the Olympics; him, probably not so much at Wimbledon."

Both advanced in quarterfinals slowed only by a pair of rain delays. Federer's 116-hold streak in service games, dating to his previous tournament, ended, but that was merely a blip during a 6-3, 7-5, 6-2 victory over No. 12 Gilles Simon of France.

Murray was hardly troubled at all by a weary Vasek Pospisil of Canada and won 6-4, 7-5, 6-4 in a match that finished with the retractable roof closed at Center Court, in front of



Andy Murray of Britain returns a shot to Vasek Pospisil of Canada, during their singles match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Wednesday July 8, 2015.

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an audience that included Prince William and his wife Kate.

Another past champion, No. 1 Novak Djokovic, also barely was tested, eliminating No. 9 Marin Cilic of Croatia 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 to improve to 13-0 against the 2014 U.S. Open winner.

Djokovic, who won Wimbledon in 2011 and 2014, plays No. 21 Richard Gasquet of France next. Gasquet emerged from the most compelling quarterfinal — featuring two beautiful one-handed backhands — with a 6-4, 4-6, 3-6, 6-4, 11-9 win over No. 4 Stan Wawrinka of Switzerland.

"It was great to watch them go backhand-to-backhand today," said Djokovic, who is 11-1 against Gasquet. "Some great points, great exchanges."

Until Gasquet dropped to his back at the baseline when French Open champion Wawrinka's last backhand sailed long, it appeared this might be the first Wimbledon semifinals in 20 years involving men seeded 1-4.

Gasquet truly is an interloper, the only remaining man without a major title. Never been to a final, even.

"I'm the worst," Gasquet said with a smirk, "when you see Federer, Djokovic and Murray and me."

He'll be in his third Grand Slam semifinal. Djokovic, in contrast, owns eight major championships and reached his 27th major semifinal, sixth in a row at Wimbledon.

"Obviously," Djokovic said, "the experience of being in these final stages of Wim-

bledon many times is going to help me."

Imagine how Federer feels. He's into his 10th Wimbledon semifinal (he's 9-0) and 37th at all majors (25-11).

"I'm very proud of my achievements here, don't get me wrong," said Federer, who turns 34 on Aug. 8. "But it's not like something I walk around, beating my chest, saying, like, 'I'm great here.'"

Federer, runner-up to Djokovic last year, needed only 95 minutes to dispatch Simon. The most noteworthy moment came when Federer served for the second set at 5-4. Up to then, Federer had won all 67 games he'd served the past two weeks, following 49 in a row at a tuneup tournament in Halle, Germany.

Simon broke Federer at love, looked to the guest box and shook his right fist.

"Played a perfect game," Simon would say later.

Federer, meanwhile, was "relieved" to get broken, saying, "I guess we're not going to talk about that anymore."

Certainly didn't throw him off against Simon.

Federer broke right back, then served out the set this way in a game interrupted by rain after the first point: 125 mph ace, 115 mph service winner, 109 mph ace, 122 mph ace.

"I don't serve 140s, let's be honest," Federer said. "I have to work my way through those service games."

So far, so good. Now Murray will try to solve that serve. □

NL Capsules

Russell delivers in 3-run 7th, Cubs beat Cards 5-3

The Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Addison Russell hit a tying single and scored during a three-run rally in the seventh inning, and the Chicago Cubs beat the St. Louis Cardinals 5-3 Tuesday to complete a day-night doubleheader sweep.

The Cubs won the opener 7-4 behind a strong start by Jake Arrieta, then came back late in the nightcap to beat the NL Central leaders for just the fourth time in 12 games.

Chicago scored three in the seventh to grab a 4-2 lead, with Cardinals reliever Seth Maness (3-1) getting ejected after giving up the tying single and his replacement Kevin Siegrist allowing two more runs.

Travis Wood (5-3) pitched a scoreless seventh. Hector Rondon retired the side in the eighth.

Jason Motte gave up an RBI single to pinch-hitter Tony Cruz in the ninth. But he escaped with his fifth save in as many chances after Matt Carpenter fouled out and Jhonny Peralta grounded into a force to end the game.

GIANTS 3, METS 0

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Matt Cain pitched six innings of two-hit ball in a triumphant return to AT&T Park for his first win in nearly a year as San Francisco



Chicago Cubs' Addison Russell (22) hits an RBI single against the St. Louis Cardinals during the seventh inning in the second baseball game of a doubleheader, Tuesday, July 7, 2015, in Chicago.

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beat New York to end its seven-game losing streak. Hunter Pence drove in two runs after being activated from the disabled list earlier in the day and made a sparkling defensive play in the sixth inning, while All-Star reserve Joe Panik had two hits and scored twice. Cain (1-1) had not pitched at the Giants' waterfront ballpark since July 9, 2014, when he earned his last win before missing the final half of the season following elbow surgery.

New York's Bartolo Colon (9-7), winless since June 12, allowed three runs and 10 hits in six innings.

Kevin Plawecki had two of the Mets' four hits.

PHILLIES 7, DODGERS 2

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Chad Billingsley won for the first time in over two years, against his old team, Jeff Francoeur homered and drove in three runs, and last-place Philadelphia beat NL West-leading Los Angeles.

Billingsley (1-2) allowed two runs and six hits in six innings in just his third start in 25 months to earn his first victory since April 10, 2013. The right-hander struck out three and walked one on the same mound where he pitched eight seasons

and won 81 games for the Dodgers before undergoing a pair of right elbow surgeries.

They declined to pick up his option last October, and he signed a one-year deal with the Phillies in January. Billingsley lost his first start 9-0 on May 5 and went back on the disabled list two weeks later because of a strained right shoulder. He struggled in his return last week against Milwaukee, giving up seven runs and 10 hits in five innings but avoided the loss.

REDS 5, NATIONALS 0

WASHINGTON (AP) — Johnny Cueto pitched a two-hitter with 11 strikeouts, Joey Votto homered and drove in three runs and Cincinnati beat Max Scherzer and Washington.

The potential pitching duel between Cueto and Scherzer never materialized. Cueto kept up his end — retiring the final 15 batters in his first complete game of the year — but Scherzer struggled from the outset. One day after being named to the NL All-Star team, Scherzer (9-7) gave up five runs and seven hits in 4 2/3 innings, his shortest outing in more than a year. The five runs were more than the right-hander allowed in his previous four games combined, a stretch that included a no-

hitter and a one-hitter.

Votto was the main culprit. He doubled in a run in the first inning, hit a solo homer in the third and added an RBI single in the fifth.

PIRATES 3, PADRES 2

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Gregory Polanco helped free a grounds crew member trapped underneath a billowing tarp, then hit a go-ahead triple in the eighth inning that sent Pittsburgh past San Diego.

Polanco and fellow Pirates outfielders Andrew McCutchen and Sean Rodriguez made the play of the game at the start of a 1 hour, 42 minute rain delay in the top of the third.

Strong winds and rain caused the tarp to start swelling as the grounds crew at PNC Park struggled to cover the infield, and a worker was swallowed up and caught below.

McCutchen, Polanco and Rodriguez came from the Pirates' dugout and helped pull the tarp off him.

Rodriguez was hit by pitch from Joaquin Benoit (5-4) leading off the eighth. Polanco tripled with two outs, giving the Pirates their fourth straight win.

McCutchen set a career high by extending his hitting streak to 14 games.

Tony Watson (2-1) won and Mark Melancon got his NL-leading 28th save. □

Tour de France

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It was the third win overall in five stages for German riders after Tony Martin's success in Tuesday's fourth stage.

German public broadcaster ARD restarted its live coverage of the race this year following a 3-year hiatus due to the doping scandals in recent years, which included Lance Armstrong being stripped of his seven Tour titles (1999-2005).

"I'm happy that we can bring the Tour de France back to Germany," said Greipel, adding that it's because of "mother na-



Germany's Andre Greipel starts to celebrate as he crosses the finish line ahead of Britain's sprinter Mark Cavendish, left, and Peter Sagan of Slovakia, right, to win the fifth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 189.5 kilometers (117.8 miles) with start in Arras and finish in Amiens, France, Wednesday, July 8, 2015.

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ture" that German riders seem so strong in sprints.

"I have to thank my mother as I have some fast-twitching muscles," he said.

The day's seventh and biggest crash happened at the back of the peloton with 25 kilometers (15.5 miles) to go.

While not as brutal as Monday's huge crash, it was spectacular and took down about 30 riders. Three went off the road to the right, tumbling into crash barriers. Behind them, others fell in a domino effect. Frenchman Thibaut Pinot, third on last year's Tour, had his second crash of the day.

Thankfully, because speeds

were not high, most riders were more groggy than hurt as they looked to see where exactly their bike was amid a myriad of spinning pedals and jutting-out handlebars.

Martin, a three-time world time trial champion, ended the day with a lead of 12 seconds over 2013 Tour champion Chris Froome and 25 seconds over American rider Tejay Van Garderen.

Among the main contenders, Froome leads two-time Tour champion Contador by 36 seconds; defending champion Vincenzo Nibali by 1:38 and Colombian rider Nairo Quintana, the 2013 runner-up, by 1:56. □

AL Capsules

Cano's game-winner gives Seattle 7-6 win over Detroit

The Associated Press

MARINERS 7, TIGERS 6, 11 INNINGS

SEATTLE (AP) — Robinson Cano lined an RBI single into the right-field corner with one out in the 11th inning, giving Seattle the win over Detroit.

Cano lined a 2-1 pitch from Detroit left-hander Ian Krol (1-2) that one-hopped off the wall. It was the first walk-off hit for Cano since Aug. 28, 2009, with the New York Yankees.

Austin Jackson reached on a fielder's choice when Brad Miller was forced out at second base. Franklin Gutierrez then chopped a single through the left side, and for the third straight inning Seattle had the winning run at second base with one out.

This time Cano came through.

Charlie Furbush (1-1) pitched the top of the 11th for the victory. Furbush and Carson Smith combined for three solid innings and kept Detroit off the scoreboard despite the Tigers having runners in scoring position in the 10th and 11th.

ROYALS 9, RAYS 5, 1ST GAME

ROYALS 7, RAYS 1, 2ND GAME

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Alcides Escobar hit a bases-loaded double, Alex Gordon matched a career high with four RBIs and Kansas City cruised to a victory over Tampa Bay and a sweep of their day-night doubleheader.

Escobar had fallen behind 0-2 against Rays reliever Brandon Gomes (1-4) in the sixth inning before battling back to a full count. On the 11th pitch of the at-bat, Escobar yanked a fair ball just down the third-base line, emptying the bases and breaking a 1-all deadlock. Brandon Finnegan (2-0), Luke Hochevar and Ryan Madson made the lead stand in relief of Royals starter Edinson Volquez, who allowed only John Jaso's solo homer in five innings.

The victory in Game 2

came after Paulo Orlando hit a ninth-inning grand slam to give Kansas City a win in the opener. It also stuck Tampa Bay with its ninth loss in 10 games.

The doubleheader was caused by a massive storm that caused numerous tornado warnings in the Kansas City area Monday night.

In the opener, the Rays had rallied to knot the game 5-all before Orlando came to the plate in the ninth. All-Star closer Brad Boxberger (4-5) threw him a change-up and the Brazilian pounded it into the bullpen in left for his first career slam.

ATHLETICS 4, YANKEES 3, 10 INNINGS

NEW YORK (AP) — Brett Lawrie hit a leadoff homer in the 10th inning against All-Star reliever Dellin Betances, sending Oakland to a victory over New York. Billy Butler launched a tying shot off Chasen Shreve in the sixth, and Tyler Clippard whiffed slugger Mark Teixeira with two on for the final out as the A's improved to 1-6 in extra innings this year. They had been the only major league team without a win after the ninth.

Sonny Gray threw seven gritty innings for Oakland in his return from an illness that sent him to the hospital and forced him to skip a start.

Lawrie pulled an 0-2 breaking ball just inside the left-field foul pole for his eighth home run. Betances (5-2) snapped his head down and shouted into his glove. Drew Pomeranz (3-3) pitched two perfect innings, and Clippard got three outs against his former team for his 16th save in 18 attempts.

ANGELS 10, ROCKIES 2

DENVER (AP) — All-Stars Albert Pujols and Mike Trout hit two of Los Angeles' four home runs and the Angels routed Colorado.

Matt Joyce and Chris Iannetta also went deep as the Angels jumped on Colorado starter Chad Bettis for 10 runs in just 2 1-3

innings to win their fourth straight.

Angels left-hander Andrew Heaney (2-0) had another impressive outing in just his third career start. He allowed two runs on eight hits and struck out five in 7 1-3 innings. He surrendered a solo home run to Drew Stubbs in the third and an RBI single to Troy Tulowitzki in the sixth that extended his hitting streak to 19 games.

Heaney's outing was more than enough for the offense. Pujols hit a three-run shot in the first inning for his AL-leading 26th homer of the season. Joyce gave Los Angeles a 5-0 lead with his fourth of the year in the second, and Trout hit his 22nd later in the inning to make it 8-0.

INDIANS 2, ASTROS 0

CLEVELAND (AP) — Corey Kluber pitched five-hit ball into the seventh inning and finally won for the first time since May 28, leading Cleveland to a win over Houston.

Despite pitching well enough to win, Kluber (4-9) went 0-4 with two no-decisions in his previous six starts. But the defending AL Cy Young winner was on his game against the Astros, who managed just five singles and allowed only got one runner to reach third base.

Zach McAllister finished the seventh, worked the eighth and Bryan Shaw finished up for his second save.

Michael Brantley homered in the sixth off Astros rookie Vince Velasquez (0-1) as the Indians snapped a three-game losing streak.

Velasquez was the pitcher of record for the first time in his sixth career start. The right-hander allowed six hits in 6 1-3 innings and struck out five.

BLUE JAYS 2, WHITE SOX 1 CHICAGO (AP) — Felix Doubront pitched into the seventh inning in his first start of the season and Josh Donaldson homered to lead Toronto to a victory over Chicago. □



Seattle Mariners' Robinson Cano, left, hugs hitting coach Edgar Martinez, right, after Cano drove in the game-winning run in the 11th inning to give the Mariners a 7-6 win over the Detroit Tigers in a baseball game, Tuesday, July 7, 2015, in Seattle.

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Gatlin heads season-best lineup in 100 at Athletissima meet

GRAHAM DUNBAR

AP Sports Writer

LAUSANNE, Switzerland

(AP) — The best 100-meter lineup so far in this world championship season sees six of the eight fastest men in 2015 race each other on Thursday.

Justin Gatlin of the United States, who has a world-leading 9.74 seconds, defends his two-season winning streak over 100 at the Athletissima Diamond League meet.

"This is the biggest race I'm going to be in for the season," Asafa Powell said Wednesday, days after the Jamaican former world record holder won at Paris in a season-best 9.81, second only to Gatlin's time.

The Lausanne lineup is missing Usain Bolt, though the Jamaican superstar has struggled in an injury-hit season and opted for the 200 before withdrawing.

Tyson Gay is here after winning the U.S. national title in 9.87, boosting a race that offers a key guide to dethroning Bolt at the Aug. 22-30 worlds in Beijing.

Still, the two-time Olympic champion's absence Thursday means the three highest-profile names in the marquee race have all served bans for testing positive for banned drugs



Tyson Gay, from the USA, left, and Asafa Powell, from Jamaica, right, pose during a news conference on the eve of the Athletissima international Athletics meeting, in Lausanne, Switzerland, Wednesday, July 8, 2015.

"People have to see it stay clean for many years to really forget about what has happened in the past," acknowledged Powell, whose case was resolved a year ago with a six-month ban for using a contaminated supplement.

Gay returned to the track last year after a reduced one-year ban for using a steroid precursor recommended by a coach. He

called for greater understanding on Wednesday.

"When you put the (headline) doping or steroids and it's not clarified exactly what the situation was, I think it makes it hard for people to believe in the sport," said Gay, the 2007 world champion.

"Some time we have to get a fair shot as well. To show the kids that you can make a mistake and come

back."

Gay also suggested "bumps in the road" for his generation were less serious than previous tainted sprinting eras.

"Our situations were actually minor compared to a lot of things back in the past," the 32-year-old American said.

"None of us were involved in situations with syringes and real steroids and unde-

tectable things like that."

At age 33, Gatlin is back on top 11 years after his Athens Olympic title and having completed a four-year ban in 2010 for excessive testosterone.

Gatlin won his 18th straight 100 race on Tuesday in Budapest,

Hungary — a streak that helped win him the Diamond League title last season and direct entry to the worlds.

"All power to him," Gay said of his American teammate. "That's tough to be a sprinter and have a good day every race."

Before that praise, Powell noted he and Gay are above Gatlin on the all-time list led by Bolt's 9.58 at the 2009 worlds.

"He is like the fifth fastest man in the world," Powell chided reporters about Gatlin. "I don't know why you think he can't be beaten."

Double Olympic champion Mo Farah is another main attraction at Athletissima, competing for the first time since British broadcaster the BBC last month linked his American coaching base to doping.

Farah, who runs in the 5,000, has defended coach Alberto Salazar who denies any wrongdoing. □

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□ This is a Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013 file photo of a band as it entertains supporters as they arrive at Wembley Stadium in London to watch the NFL football game between San Francisco 49ers and Jacksonville Jaguars.

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ROB HARRIS

AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — The NFL will stage at least two regular-season games each season at Premier League club Tottenham's new London stadium over a 10-year period under a deal an-

nounced Wednesday.

Tottenham is hoping to move into a new 61,000-seat venue adjacent to its current White Hart Lane stadium in 2018. It will feature a retractable grass field with an artificial surface underneath that would be

NFL games coming to London EPL club Tottenham's new stadium

used for American football. "With growing enthusiasm for the NFL in the United Kingdom, we are committed to hosting NFL games in world-class venues and are excited to partner with Tottenham Hotspur to play games at their future stadium," NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said in a statement.

London Mayor Boris Johnson said the Tottenham deal will "help us take another step towards our goal of having a permanent NFL franchise here."

The NFL currently has two years remaining on its deal with Wembley Stadium, the 90,000-seat north London venue where 11 regular-season games have been

played since 2007. England's national soccer stadium will host three more NFL games this year.

The NFL said it was "optimistic" the relationship with Wembley would be extended beyond 2016, with the 10-year Tottenham deal not preventing games being played elsewhere in Britain.

The Jacksonville Jaguars has a four-season deal, which expires in 2016, to play at least one-regular season home game at Wembley. The Jaguars have been touted as a potential future London franchise, given that owner Shad Khan bought London soccer club Fulham in 2013. "We've seen incredible

growth in the Jaguars' international following that can be traced specifically to our agreement to play a home game at Wembley Stadium through 2016," Khan said in a statement, which didn't detail the Jaguars' post-2016 plans in the British capital.

Although Tottenham will be rivaling Wembley as an NFL venue, the team might need to use the venue to play games during the final phase of construction work at its home for the last 116 years.

Tottenham has been trying to move out of White Hart Lane for several years, with the 36,000-capacity hampering the club's money-making abilities. □

FBI, Justice Dept. take encryption concerns to Congress

By ERIC TUCKER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Federal law enforcement officials warned Wednesday that data encryption is making it harder to hunt for pedophiles and terror suspects, telling senators that consumers' right to privacy is not absolute and must be weighed against public-safety interests.

The testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee marked the latest front in a high-stakes dispute between the Obama administration and some of the world's most influential tech companies, placing squarely before Congress an ongoing discussion that shows no signs of an easy resolution. Senators, too, offered divided opinions.

FBI and Justice Department officials have repeatedly asserted that encryption technology built into smartphones makes it harder for them to monitor and intercept messages from criminal suspects, such as Islamic State sympathizers who communicate online and child predators who conceal pornographic images. They say it is imperative that they be able to access encrypted communications during investigations and that companies should maintain the ability to unlock that data from their customers.

But they face fierce opposition from Silicon Valley companies, who say encryption safeguards their customers' privacy rights and protects them from hackers, corporate spies and other breaches. The companies in recent months have written to the Obama administration and used public speeches to argue for the value strong encryption.

FBI Director James Comey, who has pressed his case repeatedly over the last year before think tanks and in other settings, sought Wednesday to defuse some of the tension surrounding the dispute. He told senators that he believed technology companies were fundamentally on the same page as law



FBI Director James Comey, joined by Deputy Attorney General Sally Quillian Yates, pauses as he testifies during the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, July 8, 2015. U.S. federal law enforcement officials pressed their concerns about data encryption before Congress Wednesday, telling senators that the right to privacy is not absolute and must be weighed against public-safety interests.

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enforcement, adding, "I am not here to fight a war." "Encryption is a great thing. It keeps us all safe. It protects innovation," Comey said. "It protects my children. It protects my health care. It is a great thing." But he said criminals were using encryption to create a safe zone from law enforcement. He said the concern was especially acute at a time when the Islamic State has been recruiting sympathizers through social media and then directing them to encrypted platforms that federal agents cannot access. "Our job is to look (in) a haystack the size of this country for needles that are increasingly invisible to us because of encryption," he said.

Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates said the Justice Department was not currently seeking a legislative fix for the issue and was instead hoping to work cooperatively with the technology companies. She expressed concern about end-to-end encryption in which only the user can access the communication. And she encouraged more companies - not the government - to retain a key that can unlock their customers' encrypted data when law enforcement

wants to access it. "The current public debate about how to strike the careful balance between privacy rights and public safety has at times been a challenging and highly charged discussion," Yates told the committee. Personal privacy and Internet security, she said, "are not absolute. And they have to be balanced against the risks we face from creating warrant-proof zones of communication." Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., echoed Comey's concerns about encryp-

tion, saying it could enable a "respite from any kind with law enforcement." But others reacted more warily to that perspective. Sen. Al Franken pointed out that the recent breach of the Office of Personnel Management information involved highly sensitive, personal information that had not been encrypted. Given that, he asked whether there was a "danger, if we do this wrong, of there also being a national security risk?" And Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy, the panel's senior

Democrat, said he wasn't convinced how much it would help to facilitate law enforcement's access to encrypted material.

"Strong encryption would still be available from foreign providers," Leahy said. "Some say that any competent Internet user would be able to download strong encryption technology, or install an app allowing encrypted communications - regardless of restrictions on American businesses."

Tech companies call the concerns overblown and vow to protect customer privacy. They say that any "key" that could give law enforcement access to encrypted devices could presumably be exploited by hackers and criminals, too. In a speech last month, Apple CEO Tim Cook said the company would not waver in offering encryption tools to customers and said weakening encryption would have a "chilling effect on our First Amendment rights and undermines our country's founding principles." And in a May letter to the White House, a tech-company coalition argued that strong encryption protects against "innumerable" threats and urged the government to "reject any proposal that U.S. companies deliberately weaken the security of their products." □

Facebook to add more computing power with Texas data center

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Facebook is building a massive data center in Texas to provide more computing capacity for the online social network's 1.4 billion users to share tidbits of their lives with friends and family. The first phase of the \$500 million project in Fort Worth, Texas will span about 500,000 square feet. It will be located on a nearly 111-acre site, leaving ample room for further expansion.

Facebook Inc. initially expects to employ 40 people at the data center, which

will rely solely on wind power to keep its computer servers running. Like other big Internet companies, Facebook needs to keep adding more data centers as more people around the world gain online access on smartphones and increase the demand for their digital services. The computers in Facebook's data centers store billions of photos and videos in addition to the messages and updates that the service's users post to the social network each day. This will be Facebook's

fourth data center in the U.S., joining others in Oregon, Iowa and North Carolina. The Menlo Park, California, company's only overseas data center is in Sweden.

Google Inc., a Facebook rival, recently picked Alabama to be the home of its 14th data center in the world and seventh in the U.S.

To reduce pollution, Google's newest data center also will run entirely on renewable energy sources such as wind and solar power. □

NYSE shutdown upends an already tough day for US, global markets

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NEW YORK (AP) —

It was already a tough day in the market when the unexpected hit.

The New York Stock Exchange halted trading late Wednesday morning because of technical trouble. The outage came as traders had plenty of other things to worry about. Concerns about China's plunging stock market and a logjam in talks between Greece and its creditors weighed on the mood.

Major indexes were already falling before the shutdown, which occurred shortly after 11:30 a.m. Eastern time. NYSE resumed trading at 3:10 p.m.

The exchange didn't say what caused the malfunction but described it as in-

es, said there are some 60 exchanges and trading venues that can take orders when one goes down, so investors shouldn't get rattled.

"It's disruptive, but not wildly disruptive," said Caldwell, chairman of Caldwell Securities.

President Obama was briefed on the NYSE situation, according to Josh Earnest, the White House spokesman. Officials told the president there were no malicious actors involved.

By the end of the day, the Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 34.66 points, or 1.7 percent, to close at 2,046.68.

The Dow Jones industrial average dipped 261.49 points, or 1.5 percent, to 17,515.42 and the Nasdaq slid 87.70 points, or 1.8 per-

In March 2012, BATS Global Markets, a Kansas company that offers stock trading services, canceled its own IPO after several snafus.

Two months later, a highly anticipated IPO of Facebook on the Nasdaq exchange was marred by a series of technical problems, rattling investors unsure if their orders went through. James Angel, an associate professor of finance at Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business, said NYSE's shutdown highlighted both the fragility and the resilience of modern technology. Angel sat on the board of exchange company Direct Edge before it was acquired by a larger rival last year.

"From an investors' perspective, if you hadn't



Traders work on the floor at the New York Stock Exchange in New York, Wednesday, July 8, 2015. It was already a tough day in the market when the unexpected hit: the New York Stock Exchange halted trading Wednesday morning because of technical trouble.

(AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

ternal and not the result of hackers.

The broader stock market stayed open as orders to buy and sell kept flowing to the Nasdaq and other exchanges around the country. Tom Caldwell, who runs an investment firm with stakes in several exchange-

cent, to 4,909.76.

U.S. markets have been dogged by technical problems over recent years as more trading is handled by computers. In May 2010, the Dow plunged hundreds of points in minutes in an incident that later became known as the "flash crash."

heard about the outage, you probably wouldn't have noticed," Angel said. Portfolio manager Mark Spellman of Alpine Funds said an outage similar to Wednesday's would have caused panic a few decades ago, when the NYSE dominated the market. □

Microsoft Corp. cutting 7,800 jobs as smartphone sales flag

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Microsoft is cutting 7,800 jobs and writing off \$7.6 billion in connection with its purchase of Nokia's phone business, as the giant software maker tries to narrow its focus and pull back from a series of ill-fated forays onto rival tech companies' turf. The cuts announced Wednesday come on top of 18,000 jobs that Microsoft trimmed last year, just months after the company paid \$7.3 billion for Nokia in the hope of expanding its footprint in the smartphone hardware business where Apple and Samsung are market leaders.

Three years ago, Microsoft wrote off another big sum, \$6.2 billion, on its purchase of digital advertising firm aQuantive. Microsoft bought aQuantive for \$6.3 billion in a bid to increase its role in the online ad sector that was dominated by the likes of Google and Yahoo.

Both the Nokia and aQuantive deals were engineered by former CEO Steve Ballmer, who sought to compete against younger, faster-growing tech companies by expanding beyond Microsoft's original business of making software for desktop computers.

But Microsoft's new boss, Satya Nadella, has been pulling back from phone hardware and digital advertising after seeing little success in those ventures. Last month, he announced a deal to hand over most of Microsoft's remaining display advertising business to AOL Inc.

Wall Street seems to prefer Nadella's strategy of focusing on software and Internet services. Analysts have said the Nokia business was a drag on Microsoft's profits. The company's stock slipped 2 cents to \$44.28 in afternoon trading Wednesday.

"We believe these cuts are positive for Microsoft as they help streamline the business by getting rid of non-core components," said Mark Moerdler, an investment analyst with Bernstein Research, in a note to investors.

"The new CEO has got to right the ship," agreed David Mitchell Smith, an industry analyst with the Gartner research firm. "They were heading in some directions that needed course correction, and he's doing it."

That doesn't mean Microsoft is out of the woods. The company has struggled to adapt as consumers have increasingly turned away from personal computers, in favor of smartphones and tablets that run software made by Apple and Google.

Analysts say Nadella is making a big bet that people will use new versions of Microsoft's software on a wide variety of computing devices — including tablets, gaming consoles and even holographic headsets. In recent months, Microsoft has released new versions of its popular Office software for Apple and Android devices, while preparing to launch a major overhaul of its flagship Windows operating system at the end of this month.

"Our reinvention will be centered on creating mobility of experiences across the entire device family including phones," Nadella wrote in an email to employees that sought to explain the latest cuts.

When added to last year's layoffs, Microsoft will have trimmed roughly the number of employees it added when it acquired the Nokia business. Microsoft said it had 118,000 workers at the end of March.

While the company did not provide specifics, Nadella said the latest cuts will primarily affect the Nokia phone business, which has several thousand workers in Finland. The operation has struggled for profitability and seen little growth in its share of the global phone market. Along with writing down the value of that business, Microsoft said it will incur \$750 million to \$850 million in restructuring costs related to the cuts. □

Regulators fining JPMorgan \$136M for debt collection practices: report

KEN SWEET

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WASHINGTON (AP) — JPMorgan Chase will pay \$136 million to settle charges that it used illegal tactics to go after delinquent credit card borrowers, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau announced Wednesday.

The CFPB alleged the bank illegally relied on robo-signing — signing mass quantities of documents without verifying the data in those accounts — and provided inaccurate information to third-party debt collectors when it sold the accounts. The bureau also said that Chase filed misleading lawsuits using inaccurate information to obtain debt collection judgments — on accounts that were paid off, discharged in bankruptcy, or otherwise were uncollectable.

"Chase sold bad credit card debt and robo-signed documents in violation of law," said CFPB Director Richard Cordray in a statement.

Under the terms of the agreement, JPMorgan Chase & Co. will refund at least \$50 million to affected consumers and pay \$136 million in fines to the bureau, 47 states and District of Columbia. The bank will permanently halt collecting on 528,000 accounts.

It will have to pay a separate \$30 million penalty to the Office of the Comptroller of Currency.

The agreement will also include changes to the way Chase will collect delinquent accounts. Any accounts that Chase sells to debt collection agencies will be unable to be resold to other agencies. Chase will also have to verify individually any account it sells to a debt collection agency confirming the debts are valid, and it will have to notify the delinquent customer that their debt was sold, among other changes. □

China unveils new steps to prop up stocks; market dives



A woman rubs her face as she stands at a computer terminal in a stock brokerage house in Nan-tong in eastern China's Jiangsu province Wednesday, July 8, 2015. China's Shanghai Composite Index fell 5.9 percent on Wednesday.

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AP Business Writer

BEIJING (AP) — China announced a flurry of new moves Wednesday to halt a stock market slide. The result? Another big dive in share prices. The government told state companies and executives to buy shares, raised the amount of equities insurance companies can hold and promised more credit to finance trading. Hundreds of companies have halted trading in their stock after emergency measures announced last weekend failed to stop a rout that has dragged down the benchmark Shanghai Composite Index by more than 30 percent since early June.

The Shanghai index lost another 5.9 percent on Wednesday despite the new measures and Hong

Kong's Hang Seng index closed down 5.8 percent after diving as much as 8.5 percent earlier in the day. Greece's debt crisis has unsettled Asian stock markets but the losses in China are driven entirely by internal factors. Beijing fostered a market boom over the past year, but with Chinese economic growth slowing, it had little basis in reality. Prices began collapsing after unrelated changes in banking regulations made investors in the rumor-fueled market suspect the government could withdraw its support. Regulators also tightened lending to stock investors, adding to their fears.

The decline in Chinese stock prices threatens to fuel political tensions and set back Communist Party plans to use financial

markets to make China's state-dominated economy more productive. The party wants to encourage stock ownership but small investors whose holdings have plunged in value say they will no longer buy shares. Little more than a month ago, China's stock market was the best performing in the world. The boom began after state media said last year stocks were cheap, which led investors to believe Beijing would prevent prices from falling. The Shanghai index still is up 70 percent from one year ago but novice investors who piled in just before the peak hold shares that are worth less than they paid. Financial literacy is limited in a society where the mainland's first communist-era stock exchange opened in Shanghai only

in 1990. Brokerages offer classes in trading but a culture of commentators who preach the gospel of low-risk, long-term investing has yet to develop. Many small investors rely on rumors or tips from friends in a market rife with complaints of insider trading and fraud.

"The central government made considerable reputational investment in the rally over the last year, particularly via ample cheerleading from state media," said IHS Global Insight economist Brian Jackson in a report. Official support "is likely to remain extraordinary," he said, but it will be hard to revive flagging investor enthusiasm.

On Wednesday, the Cabinet agency that oversees China's biggest state-owned companies said it had told them to avoid selling shares and to buy more "in order to safeguard market stability." In a separate order, the securities regulator told directors, executives and senior managers of publicly traded companies who have sold shares in those companies within the past six months to buy them back and said they are barred from selling. It said they are required to buy more if the price falls by more than 30 percent in the next 10 days. The insurance regulator said the proportion of their assets Chinese insurers are allowed to invest in stocks will be increased to 40 percent from 30 percent. The amount of a single blue-chip company's shares that an insurance company can buy will increase to 10 percent from 5 percent.

Albertsons, No. 2 supermarket operator, plans IPO

NEW YORK (AP) — Supermarket operator Albertsons Companies Inc., the No. 2 U.S. supermarket company whose brands also include Safeway, has filed for an initial public offering of stock, according to a filing Wednesday.

The Boise, Idaho-based company did not say how many shares it would offer, what they would cost or

where those shares would trade. It said it expects to raise \$100 million from the offering, though that figure is only an estimate used to calculate a filing fee. Proceeds from the offering will be used to repay debt and for general expenses.

Albertsons closed its \$8 billion buyout of Safeway in January, drastically increasing the company's

size. It now operates 2,205 stores in 33 states under 18 names. Safeway locations make up 1,247 of those stores. Other names under Safeway operations include Vons, Tom Thumb and Randalls.

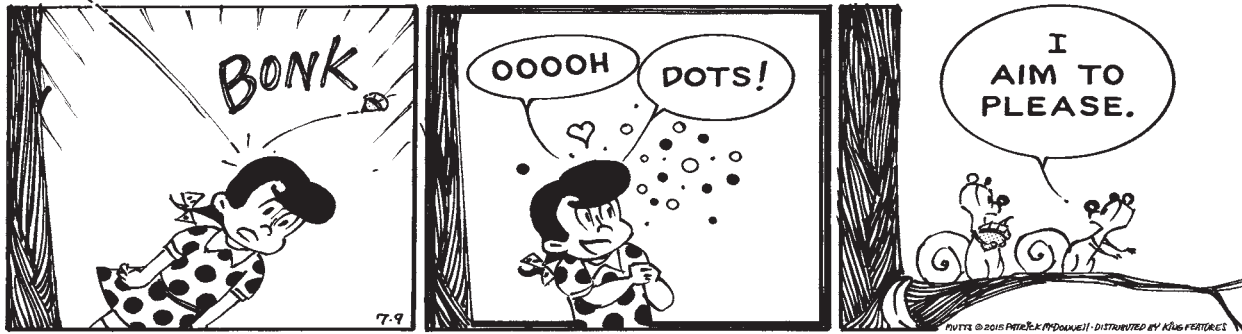
The company also operates 456 Albertsons supermarkets in 16 states. Other retail banners include Jewel-Osco, Shaw's, Acme,

United Supermarkets, Pavilions, and Star Markets.

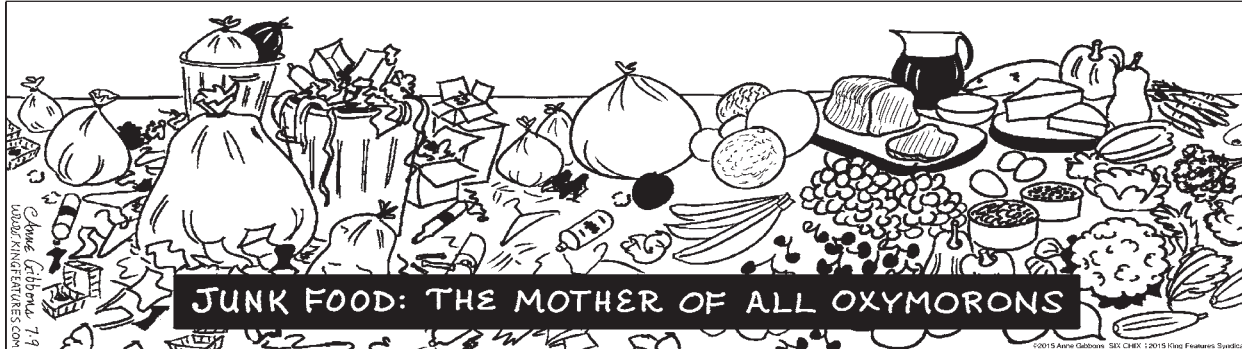
Albertsons employs about 265,000 full- and part-time workers. It had revenue of \$27.2 billion in fiscal 2014, but the addition of Safeway results boosts that revenue figure to \$57.5 billion, which makes it the second-largest traditional supermarket chain the U.S. behind Kroger Inc. □

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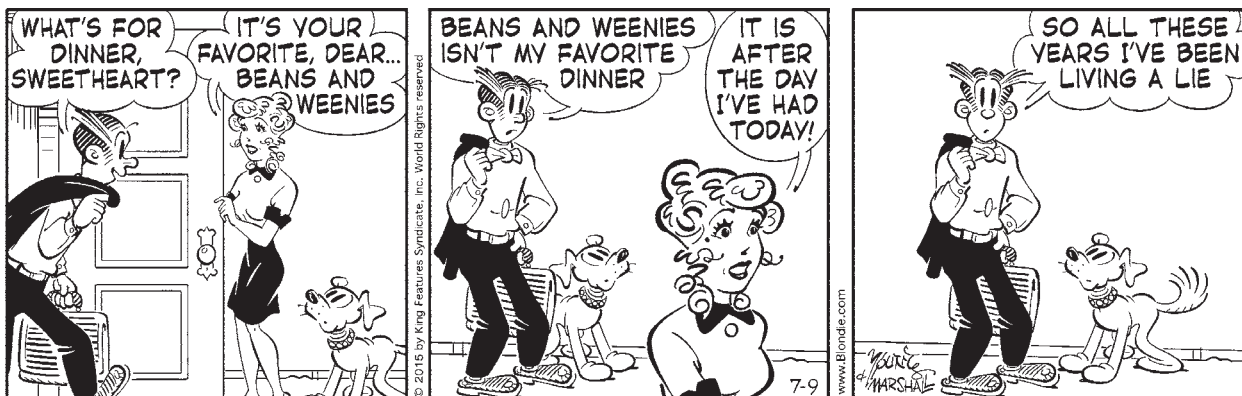
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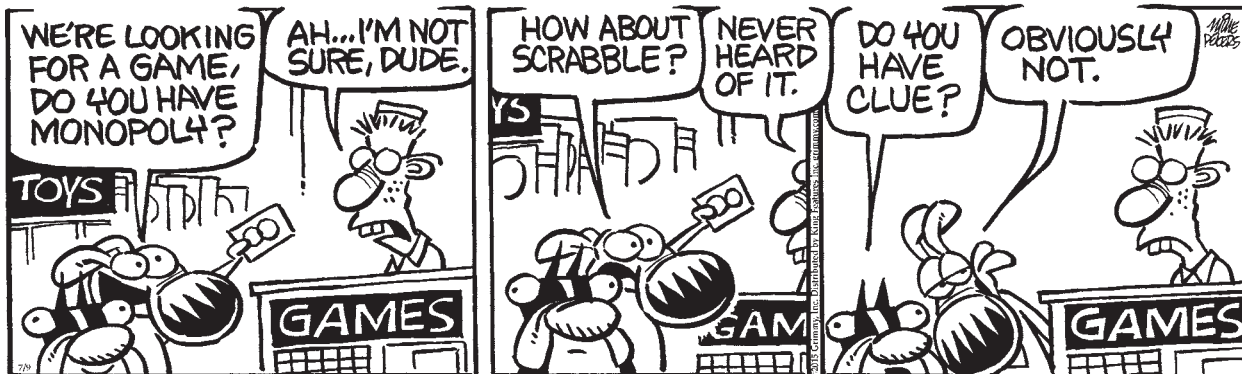
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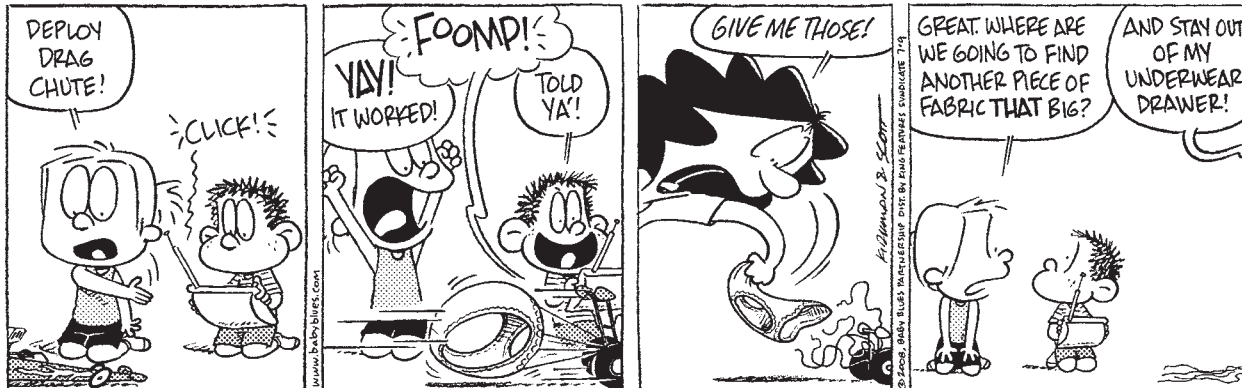
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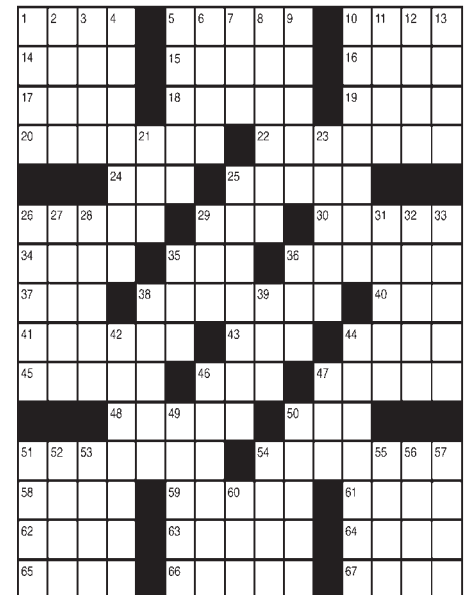
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Thousands of birds abandon eggs, nests on Florida island

By JASON DEAREN

Associated Press

SEAHORSE KEY, Fla. (AP)

-- The din created by thousands of nesting birds is usually the first thing you notice about Seahorse Key, a 150-acre mangrove-covered dune off Florida's Gulf Coast.

But in May, the key fell eerily quiet all at once.

Thousands of little blue herons, roseate spoonbills, snowy egrets, pelicans and other chattering birds were gone. Nests sat empty in trees; eggs broken and scattered on the muddy ground.

"It's a dead zone now," said Vic Doig, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist. "This is where the largest bird colony on the Gulf Coast of Florida used to be."

For decades, Seahorse Key has been a protected way station for myriad bird species. It's part of the Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuge, which was established in 1929 as a sanctuary for birds devastated by decades of hunting for their colorful plumage.

Accessible only by boat, today it's a rare island off Florida not dominated by human activity and development.

When the birds come to nest, so too do biologists



In this Friday, June 19, 2015 photo, an Osprey returns to its nest in Seahorse Key, off Florida's Gulf Coast.

and naturalists who study the different colonies. But this year, the birds' exit has the state's avian biologists scrambling for answers.

"It's not uncommon for birds to abandon nests," said Peter Frederick, a University of Florida wildlife biologist who has studied Florida's birds for nearly 30 years. "But, in this case, what's puzzling is that all of the species did it all at once."

Doig said some of the Seahorse birds seem to have moved to a nearby island, but they're just a fraction

of the tens of thousands of birds that would normally be nesting on the key right now.

To find answers, service biologists have been acting on the few clues they have. First, they tested left-behind bird carcasses for disease or contaminants. Those tests came back negative. Next, they researched possible new predators. Did raccoons swim over from another island? Perhaps some great horned owls flew out at night and started feasting?

Traps caught a few rac-

coons, which is common, but not enough to have created a wholesale abandonment. There were no telltale signs of owls.

Finally, Doig said, recent years have seen an increase in night flights over the area by surveillance planes and helicopters used to combat drug runners. Although the planes' noise could be disruptive, Doig admits it's a longshot. The abandonment concerns biologists because it could have a ripple effect: Many bird species here return year after year to the

same nesting sites. The disruption provokes anxiety that this important island refuge could somehow be lost.

"Any rookery that's persisted for decades as one of the largest colonies is incredibly important," said Janell Brush, an avian researcher with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. "It's quite a large colony. There had to be some intense event that would drive all these birds away."

Biologists also don't know how the disappearance will affect the island's other animals, some of which rely on the birds to survive. Cottonmouth snakes eat bird predators like rodents, and in turn the birds drop lots of fish and other nutrients from the trees to feed the snakes.

In the meantime, tour operators that once spent hours taking naturalists and bird watchers to the island are making other plans.

Mike O'Dell runs tours out of the little marina in nearby Cedar Key. He said on a Tuesday in May he led a group out to view thousands of birds crowding the shores of the key. On Wednesday, there was nothing.

"It's just that drastic," O'Dell said. "There were none. It's like a different world." □

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In this June 15, 2015 file photo, actress Rosie Perez attends TrevorLIVE New York to benefit The Trevor Project at the Marriott Marquis, in New York.

Associated Press

'The View' says host Rosie Perez leaving

LOS ANGELES (AP) — There's more host upheaval ahead for ABC's "The View," with Rosie Perez leaving the daytime talk show.

In a memo to "View" staffers Tuesday, executive producer Bill Wolff said that Perez has decided to focus on acting.

Wolff lauded Perez for handling her "View" host duties while performing in Larry David's Broadway play, "Fish in the Dark."

The talk show plans a "proper send off" for Perez

in a few weeks, the producer said, which is when its current season wraps.

An after-hours call to Perez's representative in New York was not immediately returned.

Perez's departure leaves Whoopi Goldberg and relative newcomers Raven Symone and Nicolle Wallace. The show's tally of ex-hosts includes Rosie O'Donnell, Jenny McCarthy and Sherri Shepherd.

Series creator Barbara Walters retired as host last year. □

Miss USA gets new hosts to replace after Trump controversy

LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Miss USA pageant has new hosts, part of its effort to hastily rebound from fallout caused by billionaire Donald Trump's criticism of Mexican immigrants.

Game show host Todd Newton and former Miss Wisconsin USA, actress and TV host Alex Wehrley were announced Tuesday by the Reelz channel as the pageant's new hosts, just five days before Sunday's telecast.

The pageant saw a mass exodus of its hosts, presenters and performers after Trump, a co-owner of pageant producer Miss Universe, said last month that some Mexican immigrants to the U.S. bring drugs and crime and some are rapists.

Trump, a Republican, made his remarks as he kicked off his presidential bid. NBC, Trump's pageant partner, cited his comments when it cut business ties with him and dropped its Miss USA telecast.

Cable and satellite channel Reelz acquired the rights last week. Its CEO, Stan E. Hubbard, said he disagreed with Trump's comments but believed



In this Oct. 7, 2014 file photo, Alex Wehrley arrives at the Los Angeles VIP screening of "Rudderless" at The Vista Theater; and in this June 16, 2013 file photo, game show host Todd Newton arrives at the 40th Annual Daytime Emmy Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Associated Press

the pageant and its contestants are "an integral part of American tradition." Original hosts Cheryl Burke of "Dancing With the Stars" and MSNBC anchor Thomas Roberts withdrew in response to Trump's remarks. Jeannie Mai, who hosted a show on the Style Network, also was no longer on board as master of ceremonies, Reelz said Tuesday. Others who dropped out of pageant roles included rapper Flo Rida and country singer Craig Wayne Boyd, who were to perform, and judges including HGTV star Jonathan Scott, E! News anchor Terrence Jenkins and Hall of Famer

Emmitt Smith.

The only other addition announced Tuesday by Reelz was OK! TV's Julie Alexandria as backstage host.

Among other repercussions for Trump, Univision abandoned its Spanish-language simulcast of the pageant, Macy's department store said it would end its relationship with the candidate and New York City officials said they were reviewing the city's contracts with Trump in light of his comments.

Trump filed suit against Univision and said that Macy's and NBC "caved" at the prospect of difficulty with special interest groups. □

Tom Selleck accused of stealing water for California ranch

CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A water district has sued Tom Selleck, claiming the star of the crime shows "Magnum, P.I." and "Blue Bloods" stole truckloads of water from a public hydrant and took it to his ranch in drought-stricken California.

The Calleguas Municipal Water District in Ventura County claims a tanker truck filled up at a hydrant more than a dozen times and hauled water to a 60-acre ranch owned by Selleck in Westlake Village.

The Los Angeles Times says Selleck grows avocados at the ranch.

The district also says it spent nearly \$22,000 to hire a private investigator to document the alleged thefts that date back two years.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Department also investigated and was unable to establish that a crime occurred, Capt. John Reilly said.

Representatives for Selleck did not return phone messages and emails seeking comment Wednesday.

The lawsuit also names his wife, Jillie Selleck.

The lawsuit was submitted to Ventura County Superior Court on Tuesday.

California communities have been ordered to cut



This March 21, 2012 file photo Actor Tom Selleck poses for a portrait in New York.

Associated Press

water use compared with 2013 levels due to the re-

lentless, four-year drought. The area where Selleck has

his land is under mandatory cutbacks as high as 36 percent.

The district claims it sent Selleck cease-and-desist letters aimed at halting the unlawful water deliveries, but the truck was spotted as recently as March filling up at the hydrant on four days and delivering water to the ranch.

The suit does not specify how much water was taken.

In addition to legal fees and investigative costs, the water district is seeking an injunction barring Selleck and his contractors or employees from taking water from the district. □



In this June 29, 2015 photo, Jim Obergefell, the named plaintiff in the Obergefell v. Hodges Supreme Court case that legalized same sex marriage nationwide, is backed by supporters of the courts ruling on same-sex marriage on the step of the Texas Capitol during a rally in Austin, Texas.

Associated Press

Fox to develop film on Supreme Court gay marriage ruling

NEW YORK (AP) — 20th Century Fox is developing a film about the U.S. Supreme Court case that made same-sex marriage a nationwide right.

A representative for Fox confirmed Tuesday the studio has acquired the life rights to Jim Obergefell (OH'-burk-uh-fel), the lead plaintiff in a lawsuit that last month became a landmark in the gay rights movement. Fox also obtained the life rights to

Obergefell's lawyer, Al Gerhardstein, and those to a book proposal by Obergefell and journalist Debbie Cenziper.

The project will be developed by the 20th Century Fox division Fox 2000.

Obergefell sued after Ohio refused to list him as the spouse to his longtime partner, John Arthur, on Arthur's death certificate after his death in 2013. The two had been legally married in Maryland. □

Warren Ellis, Gale Anne Hurd adapting 'El Pantera' for TV

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Graphic novelist Warren Ellis and "The Walking Dead" producer Gale Anne Hurd will adapt the Mexican comic book series "El Pantera" for the small screen, Universal Cable Productions announced Wednesday. Based on the popular 1970s comic, "El Pantera" is a crime drama set in a fictional town on the U.S.-Mexico border where a young officer and his wrongfully imprisoned friend create an underground vigilante group to combat the mob. □



In this Sept. 2, 2013 file photo, Gale Anne Hurd, producer of "The Walking Dead," poses during a photo call at the 39th American Film Festival, in Deauville, Normandy, western France.

Associated Press

Judge keeps Joni Mitchell's friend in charge of medical care



This March 20, 2008 file photo shows Joni Mitchell, left, and Herbie Hancock perform as part of Nissan Live Sets on Yahoo! Music in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

ANTHONY MCCARTNEY
AP Entertainment Writer
LOS ANGELES (AP) — A judge on Wednesday praised Joni Mitchell's longtime friend for helping the singer-songwriter recover from an aneurysm and ruled that she should continue to make medical decisions for the musician. Superior Court Judge David Cunningham III said Leslie Morris should remain Mitchell's conservator, with the authority to oversee medical care for the eight-time Grammy winner.

Morris has been acting in that capacity since May, when Mitchell was recovering in a hospital from an aneurysm in late March that rendered her unable to speak for some time. The singer has since returned to her Los Angeles home and regained her speech. Mitchell, 71, is expected to make a full recovery, a court-appointed attorney wrote in a filing Tuesday. Cunningham was impressed with Mitchell's progress and said the conservatorship may not be

needed for much longer. Morris does not have any control over Mitchell's finances, and the singer also retains her ability to vote, the judge ruled.

Morris and her attorney, Alan Watenmaker, declined to comment after Wednesday's hearing.

In addition to winning multiple Grammy Awards, Mitchell was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1997.

She started her career in her native Canada before moving to Southern California, where she became part of the flourishing folk scene in the late 1960s. Her second album, "Clouds," was a breakthrough with such songs as "Both Sides Now" and "Chelsea Morning," winning Mitchell the Grammy for best folk performance.

Her 1970 album, "Ladies of the Canyon," featured the hit single "Big Yellow Taxi" and the era-defining "Woodstock." The following year, she released "Blue," which ranks 30th on Rolling Stone magazine's list of the "500 Greatest Albums of All Time."

Her musical style integrates folk and jazz elements, and she counts jazz giants Charles Mingus and Pat Metheny among her collaborators. □

Spike making series on computer pioneer McAfee

The Associated Press
NEW YORK (AP) — The Spike television network says it is making a six-part TV series based on the life of anti-virus software entrepreneur John McAfee, centered around interviews with him. McAfee formed a software security company named for himself and sold it, earning a fortune. He's lived an eccentric life that included being the subject of a manhunt after a U.S. expatriate who lived near McAfee's home in the Central American nation of Belize was found dead.

He has denied any involvement in the shooting.

The series and its format are reminiscent of HBO's "The Jinx," the series about millionaire murder suspect Robert Durst that was a sensation for the pay cable network earlier this year.

But Sharon Levy, executive vice president of original series for Spike, said it was more about an attempt to make a non-fiction series with the drive of a fictional series. The series will be filmed this summer and air on the cable network sometime next year. □

Paramount, theaters hatch deal to trim theatrical window

JAKE COYLE

AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Paramount Pictures chiseled a crack into the closely guarded theatrical window on Wednesday in an experimental agreement with two leading theater chains that will trim the length of time a handful of movies are restricted to playing only in theaters.

Paramount, along with AMC Theaters and Cinemark Entertainment, announced a deal to shorten the rollout of two low-budget horror films due out in October: Paramount's "Paranormal Activity: The Ghost Dimension" and "Scout's Guide to the Zombie Apocalypse." Seventeen days after each film dips below 300 screens domestically, Paramount can distribute them to home entertainment destinations such as video-on-demand. The traditional theatrical window is 90 days, during which other platforms — digital and home video — must wait on the sidelines while theaters get exclusivity to new releases. Top exhibitors have fiercely protected their window, refusing to play movies that



People pass by the main gate to Paramount Studios on Melrose Avenue, Wednesday, July 8, 2015, in Los Angeles.

don't abide by it. Smaller releases that play in independent theaters often operate under different rules. But Wednesday's agreement is the first of its kind between a major studio and top exhibitors. AMC is the second largest chain in the U.S. Cineplex is the largest in Canada. Paramount called the plan one that "could potentially

redefine home digital distribution." "Movie-lovers want us to respond and meet their desires," said Brad Grey, chairman and chief executive of Paramount Pictures. "Our hope and intent is that this initiative offers a degree of innovation that benefits all parties." The preservation of the theatrical window has been

a hot-button issue in the movie industry for several years. In 2011, Universal Pictures attempted to release the Eddie Murphy comedy "Tower Heist" on-demand just three weeks after it was to hit theaters. Exhibitors threatened to boycott the film and Universal relented. Another test came in December with the Seth Rogen comedy, "The Inter-

view." When the top chains in North America pulled the film following terrorist threats, Sony cobbled together a simultaneous release on digital platforms and in select theaters. The move angered major theater operators and prompted Patrick Corcoran, vice president of the National Association of Theater Owners, to dismiss Sony's gambit as a money-loser.

On Wednesday, Corcoran applauded Paramount for working with theaters.

"For several years we've been asking the studios, distributors to reach out and work with exhibitors on new models and ways to grow the pie, including home entertainment, while at the same time protecting the theatrical exclusive," said Corcoran. "As far as terms of this particular experiment, it's going to be up to individual theater companies whether this works for them or not."

Paramount's announcement was notably lacking the participation of other major chains. Without their cooperation, Paramount could find difficulty at the box office. □

Associated Press

Police investigating Ariana Grande's video doughnut licking

MESFIN FEKADU

CHRISTINE ARMARIO

AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Police said Wednesday they were investigating video that appears to show Ariana Grande licking doughnuts at a shop in California. Earlier, Grande apologized for saying "I hate America" in the same video.

Police in Lake Elsinore, California, where the doughnut shop is located, said they and Riverside County public health officials were investigating the leaked video, which appeared to show the 22-year-old singer and a man with her "maliciously lick" the doughnuts. Mayra Solis, 22, a cashier on duty at Wolfee Donuts when Grande went into the store, said the singer didn't purchase any of the doughnuts she licked.

"She was really rude," Solis told The Associated Press. Earlier Wednesday, Grande said in a statement to the AP that she's a proud American.

"I am EXTREMELY proud to be an American and I've always made it clear that I love my country. What I said in a private moment with my friend, who was buying the doughnuts, was taken out of context and I am sorry for not using more discretion with my choice of words," the statement read.

In the video posted Tuesday by TMZ, Grande says "What ... is that? I hate Americans. I hate America" when a tray of doughnuts appears in front of her.

Grande said she chose to express herself as she did because she leads a healthy lifestyle and is up-

set with "how freely we as Americans eat and consume things without giving any thought to the consequences."

"The fact that the United States has one of the highest child obesity rates in the world frustrates me. We need to do more to educate ourselves and our children about the dangers of overeating and the poison that we put into our bodies," she said.

"However I should have known better in how I expressed myself; and with my new responsibility to others as a public figure I will strive to be better."

Asked about the police investigation, Grande's representatives said she would not have further comment. Grande also announced Wednesday that she would not perform at the MLB All-



In this Feb. 8, 2015 file photo, Ariana Grande arrives at the 57th annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

Star Concert on Saturday. She said it had nothing to do with the leaked video. "As for why I cannot be at the MLB show, I have had emergency oral surgery and due to recovery I can-

not attend the show," she said.

"That being said let me once again apologize if I have offended anyone with my poor choice of words." □

Truffle Dogs Sniff Out Pungent Fungus Prized By Foodies

TERENCE CHEA

Associated Press

CARNEROS, Calif. (AP) —

The growing appetite for truffles is feeding demand for dogs trained to sniff out the pungent fungus prized by chefs and foodies.

As more landowners plant orchards in hopes of harvesting truffles, more dogs are being trained to detect the earthy delicacies, which take several years to ripen on tree roots underground.

"There is huge demand for truffle dogs right now," said Alana McGee, co-founder of the Truffle Dog Company, which helps orchard owners search for truffles and trains dogs how to find them in orchards or in the wild.

"Truffle-hunting is right up their alley. It's fun for the dogs. They get rewarded for using their noses, which is how they see the world," she said.

On a recent morning, McGee's dog Lolo, a brown and white Lagotto Romagnolo, sniffed for signs of Perigord and burgundy truffles on the roots of oak and hazelnut trees planted next to Robert Sinskey's vineyards in Carneros, Calif.

Sinskey was the first Napa Valley winemaker to plant a truffle orchard five years ago and wants to be the first California grower to harvest truffles, hopefully next year. He plans to have McGee teach his dogs the art of truffle-hunting.

"I hope my dogs will finally be able to earn their keep," Sinskey said. "It will be nice to see them actually work." Lolo is an Italian breed commonly used to hunt truffles, but McGee said any dog can be trained. "It's about working with the dogs' personalities and different learning styles."

In Europe, truffle hunters traditionally used pigs, but in recent years the job has gone to the dogs, which are easier to manage, less conspicuous and less likely to eat the tasty tubers or bite a hand trying to snatch one from its mouth.

Known as the diamonds of the culinary world, most black truffles come from

Europe or Australia and cost \$800 to \$1,200 per pound, but supplies are shrinking while appetites are expanding worldwide, said Robert Chang, chief truffle officer of the American Truffle Company.

"As people get richer all the time, the demand

think, 'Oh, it's the chocolate truffles.'"

European black truffles, the ones most coveted for their powerful taste and aroma, are notoriously fickle. Few in North America have successfully harvested them, but many are trying because the crop could be

the U.S. to grow European black truffles commercially. It's still too early to judge their success since the orchards were planted less than five years ago, and it takes at least that long for truffles to ripen.

But in March, Chang's colleague, Paul Thomas, said

the same techniques their company is using in the U.S. and other countries.

In California's wine-growing regions of Napa and Sonoma valleys, the American Truffle Company is working with several winemakers, including Sinskey, Rocca Family Vineyards,



Bill Collins works with his Italian water dog, Rico, to hunt for truffles at the Robert Sinskey Vineyards Truffle Orchard in Napa, Calif. America's growing appetite for truffles is feeding demand for dogs trained to sniff out the prized fungi beneath the ground.

(AP Photo/Eric Risberg)



Chef Ken Frank shaves truffle flakes onto a dish at La Toque restaurant in Napa, Calif.

(AP Photo/Eric Risberg)

for truffles will continue to grow," Chang said. "Ten years ago, you mention the word truffles, and people

highly profitable.

The American Truffle Company is working with dozens of landowners across

he harvested Britain's first cultivated black truffle from fungus he planted in Leicestershire six years ago, using

former Intel Corp. CEO Paul Otellini and most recently Peju Province Winery.

The trees don't require much water, so they haven't been affected by California's record drought, which has forced farmers to tear out orchards and reduce crop plantings.

Napa Valley Chef Ken Frank, widely regarded as America's top truffle chef, imports the delectable fungus from Italy, France and Australia. He loves the idea of serving fresh, locally grown truffles at his restaurant La Toque.

"To be able to get a truffle that was dug in Carneros this morning for me to put on the menu tonight, that's a game changer," Frank said. "That's a big deal and we're very excited about it." □